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Canadian music sensation and Juno winner Serena Ryder is among the artists who will be appearing at the Ottawa Folk Festival. Folkfest organizers released more details of their lineup to Metro. See story on page 7. CONTRIBUTED

Suspect in swatting case allegedly bragged about pranks online

Investigation. More charges may be laid, according to police

An Ottawa teen allegedly boasted on social media about making false bomb threats and active shooter hoaxes at schools in Canada and the U.S. before police arrested him last Thursday to face 60 charges.

The 16-year-old boy lived in Ottawa's west end and was under investigation by more than a dozen police forces on both sides of the border, including the FBI. He cannot be named under provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

He's accused of what police call "swatting" incidents, in which the goal is to pull a prank to initiate a response from a SWAT team. A Twitter account believed to be used by the accused teenager included several posts about pranks, including a link to a May 5 news report by an ABC affiliate about Northwest High School in Maryland going on lockdown.

The school with 2,000 students was locked down after it received a threat of violence. A tweet was posted by the Twitter account that day saying, "Just watched my story live on abc news. @ABC <3."

Parents interviewed said they were scared for their kids' safety after another bomb threat was made days earlier against another area school.

"People are sick for what they're doing," Trish Poulos told the reporter. "Whoever is doing this needs to be taught a good lesson because it's not funny at all. This is very serious."

In a revenge tweet the following day, the Ottawa teenager allegedly posted the parents' names with their address, phone numbers, and email addresses. "Did I mention I really don't like you?" read one tweet.

The accused is to appear at the Ottawa courthouse on May 27. Two other teenagers — one in Laval, Que., and another in Halton, Ont. — were arrested for similar threats within the past two weeks.

Ottawa police Staff Sgt. Rick Baldwin-Ooms told Metro Tuesday that while the threats are fake, this kind of behaviour is "far from harmless."

"These irresponsible incidents of swatting have created real fear, put people's safety at risk, disrupted entire communities, and strained valuable emergency response resources, including police, paramedics, and firefighters," said Baldwin-Ooms.

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Carol Todd, right, the mother of Amanda Todd, speaks with Allan Hubley, the father of Jamie Hubley, as they wait to appear before the Commons justice committee discusses Bill C-13, Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act Tuesday in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Victim's mom warns against Bill C-13

Anti-cyberbullying. Law would create a new offence of non-consensual distribution of intimate images

The mother of a B.C. teen who took her own life after she was sexually exploited online says a proposed crackdown on cyberbullying goes too far.

Carol Todd, whose daughter Amanda died by suicide in 2012, said Tuesday that she believes portions of Bill C-13 that could trample privacy rights should be removed from the legislation.

"We should not have to choose between our privacy and our safety," Todd told a House of Commons committee that's studying the legislation.

"We should not have to sacrifice our children's privacy rights to make them safe from cyberbullying, 'sextortion' and revenge pornography."

But the father of another prominent cyberbullying victim, who Metro is not naming because of a publication ban in a trial related to her case, told the committee the bill should be passed regardless of any concerns about private information. "It seems so out of place to complain about privacy while our children openly terrorize each other to death for 'likes' on Facebook," he said.

Both parents were part of a panel of victims and victims' families who appeared Tuesday before the Commons justice committee.

New Democrat MP Francoise Boivin sided with Todd, saying she's worried the entire law could be rendered useless if it faced a successful court challenge over privacy concerns.

She, too, urged the committee to hive off the more controversial portions of the bill so it could be passed more quickly, giving police greater powers to fight cybercrime.

But that's not likely to happen, Justice Minister Peter MacKay suggested Tuesday.

"This bill is aimed at enabling police to more actively pursue online investigations for cyberbullying, but (also) for other forms of cybercrime," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Personal information

Ottawa law professor Michael Geist has warned that C-13 — along with S-4, the Digital Privacy Act — would allow organizations to disclose subscriber or customer personal information without a court order.

- The disclosures would also be kept secret from the people whose information is being shared.
- Todd said that would amount to victims of online abuse being victimized twice.

Privacy concerns?

Ottawa city councillor wants law fast-tracked

Ottawa city councillor Allan Hubley told a House of Commons committee he is not convinced there are serious privacy concerns in the Conservatives' proposed cyberbullying legislation, even though the opposition warns it will put Canadians personal information at risk.

Hubley, whose 15-year-old son Jamie took his own life in October 2011, was among a panel that included other parents who lost their children to suicide after the teens were subjected to cyberbullying.

The NDP and the Liberals have called for the bill to be split in half instead of folding surveillance provisions into a bill promoted as a policing tool to target online predators and bullies.

"If it needs to be separated, show us why it needs to be separated," said Hubley after the meeting. "We need to have every single piece in there that will help the police deal with the cyberbullies that are out there and protect our kids."

Hubley argued the legislation needs to be passed immediately in order to save children's lives.

"We, as parents, as I say are very frustrated with this because we want to know what are these examples. Where is the line in this bill that's creating that concern?" said Hubley. "But don't sit on the bill for years and say, 'Well globally there's a problem.'" JOE LOFARO/METRO

Westboro. Condo voted down despite support

The 12-story Mizrahi condominium proposed for the northeast corner of Richmond Road and Island Park Drive was voted down at Tuesday's planning committee.

Despite the support of neighbouring Westboro residents, who were present at the day-long meeting, the committee turned it down by a vote of 6-3 because of height restrictions.

An artist's rendering of the proposed Mizrahi condominium. CONTRIBUTED

That stretch of Richmond Road is zoned for nine stories. DENIS ARMSTRONG/METRO

Beyond The Pale

Ottawa Beer maker gets a new place to brew

Ottawa microbrewery Beyond The Pale got the green light to relocate their brewery and retail outlet to the City Centre complex from the city's planning committee.

The zoning recommendation must still be approved by council. DENIS ARMSTRONG/METRO

Stonebridge. Development gets OK over protests

Despite some vocal opposition from nearby neighbours, the planning committee approved Monarch Homes's plan to build 11 single-family homes and townhouses beside the Stonebridge Golf Course.

The one-hectare parcel of land at 3700 Jockvale Road will be rezoned from open land to residential. Some residents who live adjacent to the proposed development said that they paid a premium for unobstructed views of the golf course and fields, and now feel taken advantage of by both Monarch Homes, which they say misrepresented things, and the planning committee.

"Monarch want to squeeze more houses out of this green space," said Zarco Tatomirovic. "They're trying to maximize their profit. This is not Europe; this is Canada, we have space." DENIS ARMSTRONG/METRO

New bar hopes to be your new home away from home games

'Built for Sens fans.'
Sens House Sports Bar and Grill to boast a retractable roof, big-screen TVs and seating for 250 cheering people

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Ottawa Senators fans know nothing beats watching their team in the rink, but next season they will have another hockey-watching home.

Sens House Sports Bar and Grill is opening up in the ByWard Market in June and, like its name suggests, the venue is tailored for supporters of the red jersey-wearing team.

"We obviously want you at the arena because we believe there's nothing quite like the live experience," says Mike Wallace, senior director of marketing for the Ottawa Senators. "But for those that can't make it on those certain nights — we want this to be the next best place."

The Sens-specific bar will feature a first-in-Canada retractable roof that will open up as a patio in the summer and close — atop heated floors — in the winter. It will also feature 1,500 square feet of patio space, a 16-by-nine-foot projector and other televisions, and seating for 250 cheering fans.

The 5,000-square-foot bar is the brainchild of the hockey team and York Entertainment, which owns a network of pubs in the city, including Cornerstone Bar and Grill and Clocktower Brew Pub.

Fans who do not have the means to shell out for a hockey ticket can head to the market and grab a beer and a burger. Forgot your jersey? They will be for sale in a small merchandise venue, alongside hats and possibly T-shirts.

The Senators may not hit the ice again until next year, but fans can still head to the bar for other events and possibly the odd Spartacat mascot spotting.

Sens House will be located on York Street, in the second-floor space that was once home to the Hard Rock Café.

Its doors should open by Canada Day.

The Sens House Sports Bar and Grill is a pub tailored for Ottawa Senators fans. It's opening in the ByWard Market in June. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Wakefield hospital wants $20M to fix patient crunch

Leslie Davidson says the Wakefield hospital needs $20 million to fix the growing patient crunch. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

The Wakefield Memorial hospital has a shortage of doctors, nurses, equipment and space, and officials at the health foundation for the area around the hospital want $20 million to fix the rapidly growing problem.

The hospital's emergency room was built to handle 12,000 patient visits every year, but that number has more than doubled over the last 10 years to 25,000 visits, according to Leslie Davidson, the Des Collines Health Foundation's executive director. Her organization is asking the province for the $20 million to fix the issue.

The Health Foundation is hosting a rally Wednesday night, and is urging residents to show up to strengthen their voice and help raise awareness of the problem.

"We just have an X-ray machine. Shawville, Buckingham, Maniwaki, Gatineau — they have all the big equipment we are lacking, so we are lacking that kind of patient care," said Davidson.

She added that 41 per cent of patients in emergency are from outside the region, while the list of those people waiting for a family doctor has grown to 4,100.

The requested funding would go towards building a new emergency department as well as adding new dedicated space for high-tech equipment. The foundation also wants to build two 40-bed nursing homes to cater to the region's aging population.

Gatineau MNA Stephanie Vallee couldn't be reached for comment by press time, but she has voiced strong support in the past for Wakefield hospital funding.

The rally is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at Ski Vorlage in Wakefield.

TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Private sector will make up for public-sector cuts: Hudak

Jobs, jobs, jobs. PC leader says he doesn't want Ontario kids to have to move to Alberta for work

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Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak says he wants to cut government jobs to create private-sector jobs.

Speaking to members of the provincial Conservatives at the Canada 2020 luncheon Tuesday at the Chateau Laurier, Hudak said a Conservative government would cut 100,000 public-sector jobs — mostly through attrition and contracting out. But he added that the impact of such drastic cuts would be minimal because most of those laid off would find work in an economically revitalized private sector.

Citing economic studies by the Conference Board of Canada and the Fraser Institute, Hudak said his Million Jobs Plan would stimulate the economy, attract private investment and create one million jobs by 2022.

How? Hudak said he'd cut provincial taxes on employers by 30 per cent, invest in Ottawa's LRT project, rein in skyrocketing energy bills, and modernize Ontario's outdated apprenticeship program while reducing the provincial deficit within two years.

Eliminating solar-energy projects and controlling energy costs would add 40,000 positions, he said.

Reducing the amount of apprenticeship work would fast track another 200,000 jobs, and investing in public transit to eliminate traffic gridlock in Ottawa and Toronto would add another 96,000 jobs, he said.

"This is the central economic issue of our time," said Hudak. "I'm sure the other leaders wish we had more jobs. But job creating isn't about wishes, it's about choices. And the straight truth is that making jobs the priority means putting jobs ahead of other goals.

"I'm committed to making job creation number 1 so our kids don't have to go to Alberta to start a career and a family; so we can afford the health care we rely on; so that our neighbours and fellow citizens can have the dignity and self-reliance that only come from a good job."

PC Leader Tim Hudak delivers a speech at the Chateau Laurier during an election campaign stop in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Local Liberal candidates blast Tories' jobs plan

From left: Liberal MPPs John Fraser, Madeleine Meilleur, Yasir Naqvi and Ottawa-Orleans candidate Marie-France Lalonde leave the Elgin Street courthouse Tuesday after speaking out against PC Leader Tim Hudak's jobs plan. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Six Ottawa Liberals running in the provincial election came out as a group Tuesday to blast Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak's "reckless and radical" plan to cut 100,000 jobs in the public service.

The Tory leader said this week the cuts would pave the way for Ontario's deficit to be eliminated a year earlier than the Liberals' target of 2018.

"Tim Hudak wants to fire twice as many people as Mike Harris and then tell you there will be no impact on health care," said rookie MPP John Fraser in front of the Elgin Street courthouse.

"Make no mistake about it — Tim Hudak will fire nurses, he will fire front-line health-care workers, he will fire personal support workers."

Hudak has said, however, his proposed cuts would spare police, doctors and nurses. To boost the economy, he said he intends to create one million jobs in the private sector under a Tory government.

To put the cuts into perspective, Marie-France Lalonde, candidate for Ottawa-Orleans, said, "Those 100,000 jobs would be the equivalent of my Ottawa riding losing all their jobs."

Madeleine Meilleur, MPP for Ottawa-Vanier, said Ontarians "should not forget" the $1.1-billion gas-plant scandal under Premier Kathleen Wynne's predecessor, but she argued that the Liberals can balance the budget while maintaining services.

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Vetting. Sexist posts have Wynne on defensive

Premier Kathleen Wynne was forced to shift from touting policies to defending her party's vetting process on Tuesday, after the opposition parties exposed what they called sexist social-media posts by three Liberal candidates.

Wynne, who only knew of two "inappropriate" posts, said she would ensure her party put up candidates worthy of public office.

The Tories were the first to dig up a questionable post by a Liberal candidate over the weekend. The January post by Ottawa-area candidate Jack Uppal joked about the differences between men and women and included lines about women being unable to find solutions to problems.

Wynne said Sunday she had accepted Uppal's apology and he had taken the remarks down.

The premier had a similar response Monday to questions about a post by Niagara West-Glanbrook candidate David Mossey, which was also highlighted by the Tories. The post was from last March and showed two photos of women's bikini-clad behinds with the words "no squats" and "squats" above them, in reference to the exercise move.

Wynne was forced to confront the issue again on Tuesday when she was questioned about a Twitter post by London-area candidate Nick Steinburg, this time pointed out by the NDP, in which he made a reference to "mackin" with ladies.

While Wynne said she hadn't seen the post, she promised that "corrective action" will be taken against any comments that deserve it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson speaks to reporters about the Ottawa River Action Plan on Feb. 11, following the release of the federal budget.
LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO FILE

Mayor presses provincial leaders on housing, LRT

Questionnaire. Five questions for party leaders focus on 'timely' issues

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Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson has sent a questionnaire to four provincial party leaders, asking for their input on "vital" city issues.

The five yes-or-no style questions ask the Conservatives, Liberals, New Democrats and Green Party members whether they would support the Ottawa River clean-up plan, affordable housing, Light Rail Transit (LRT), a change to the municipal interest arbitration system and a maintained 2008 "uploading" agreement that transfers certain costs from the municipality to the province.

"It's an effective way to keep politicians' feet to the fire," Watson told Metro.

He said he could have added 10 more questions on the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), planning reform, arts funding and tourism. But for the sake of keeping it concise, he kept the quiz focused on what he says are "timely" issues.

The question he most hopes will get a resounding "yes"? That the parties support funding one-third of phase two of the LRT, which needs $975 million from each level of government.

"We want to be able to hit the ground running ... to start phase two in 2018," he said.

The leaders have until June 3 to answer. Watson said he will make their responses public June 6.

The Ontario provincial election will be June 12.

If you were a provincial leader, how would you answer Watson's questions?

Note: These questions have been edited and shortened. You can see the full questionnaire on Watson's website jimwatsonottawa.ca.

Polling the province

"It's an effective way to keep politicians' feet to the fire."

Mayor Jim Watson on the questionnaire he sent to provincial party leaders

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Challenged to 10,000 steps

Somerset Coun. Diane Holmes signs a poster for the 10,000 Steps Challenge at Pub Italia on Tuesday. Holmes is among several other politicians who will be taking part in the 6.5-kilometre walk, which is an initiative of the Plant Pool Recreation Association, on June 7. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Councillor Fleury aims for four more years

Rideau-Vanier. Incumbent talks challenges, successes in Vanier, ByWard Market and Sandy Hill

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By the time he turns 32 years old, Mathieu Fleury hopes to have eight years of political experience under his belt.

He's approaching four as the youngest councillor at city hall and hopes prospective voters embrace his youthful energy and ideas — ideas that he says have already made the Rideau-Vanier ward catch up with the world around it.

"We have been able to bring a lot of social media, proactive media. We do weekly video blogs, so people are informed," Fleury, 28, told Metro Monday.

He's up for re-election in the fall and will have to battle it out on Oct. 27 with three other contenders: George Atanga, Catherine Fortin LeFaivre and Marc Vinette.

Fleury spent the last 3.5 years in one of the most challenging wards in the city. The three neighbourhoods it spans — Sandy Hill, Vanier and the ByWard Market — all have very different needs. But Fleury says they all have one thing in common: residents all want a good quality of life.

"People want to be able to live here and have those benefits that come with living in the downtown," he said.

In terms of specifics, Fleury's priority in Vanier is initiating a "full redo" of the corridor along Montreal Road, which would include an influx of new business and infrastructure to modernize the area.

He said the crime rate has dropped 20 per cent in Vanier during his tenure, but he won't take credit for empowered residents taking back their space.

"When a community takes ownership of a space, the positive experience becomes the dominant feature," he said.

The ByWard Market also needs a renewal plan, said Fleury, noting that the farmers' market needs an overhaul to include chef demo days, a night market and other more interactive features.

Sandy Hill faces the influx of students flooding the area and the challenge will be keeping the area diverse while protecting the character of the old neighbourhood.

Fleury has already clamped down on late-night parties and garbage pickup. Now, he says, the challenge is allowing developers to build student housing that fits into the character of the neighbourhood.

Rideau-Vanier Coun. Mathieu Fleury hopes voters give him another four years in the downtown core. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

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Foster the People play Ottawa Folkfest Sept. 10, and are among the popular acts that festival organizer Mark Monahan has included in a line up that stretched the boundaries of the "folk" genre. CONTRIBUTED

Folkfest is singing a new pop-rock tune

Lordy lordy. This year's local folk festival is less about patchouli and flowy skirts and more about big acts like Lorde

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Music fans across the city have likely already marked Sept. 11 on their calendars with the word "Lorde" etched across the small square.

And with the likes of The National, Foster the People, Serena Ryder and Blue Rodeo being added to the Ottawa Folkfest mix, music heads will likely book up the entire week from Sept. 10-14.

The official lineup for the folk festival, announced Wednesday, is refreshing, current and is infused with everything from electro pop to alt country.

It's no accident, says Mark Monahan, the festival executive and artistic director, who described the theme of this year's fest as "new, indie, alternative current music."

"All of these artists have released records or are writing music right now," he said. "They are all current bands and they are making things happen. It's a real cross-section of the movers and shakers of the music industry right now."

If you glance at the lineup, you'll see what he means. While some of the acts wouldn't seem typically folksy, bands like Asleep at the Wheel, the National and Montreal's Coeur de Pirate are at the top of their game right now.

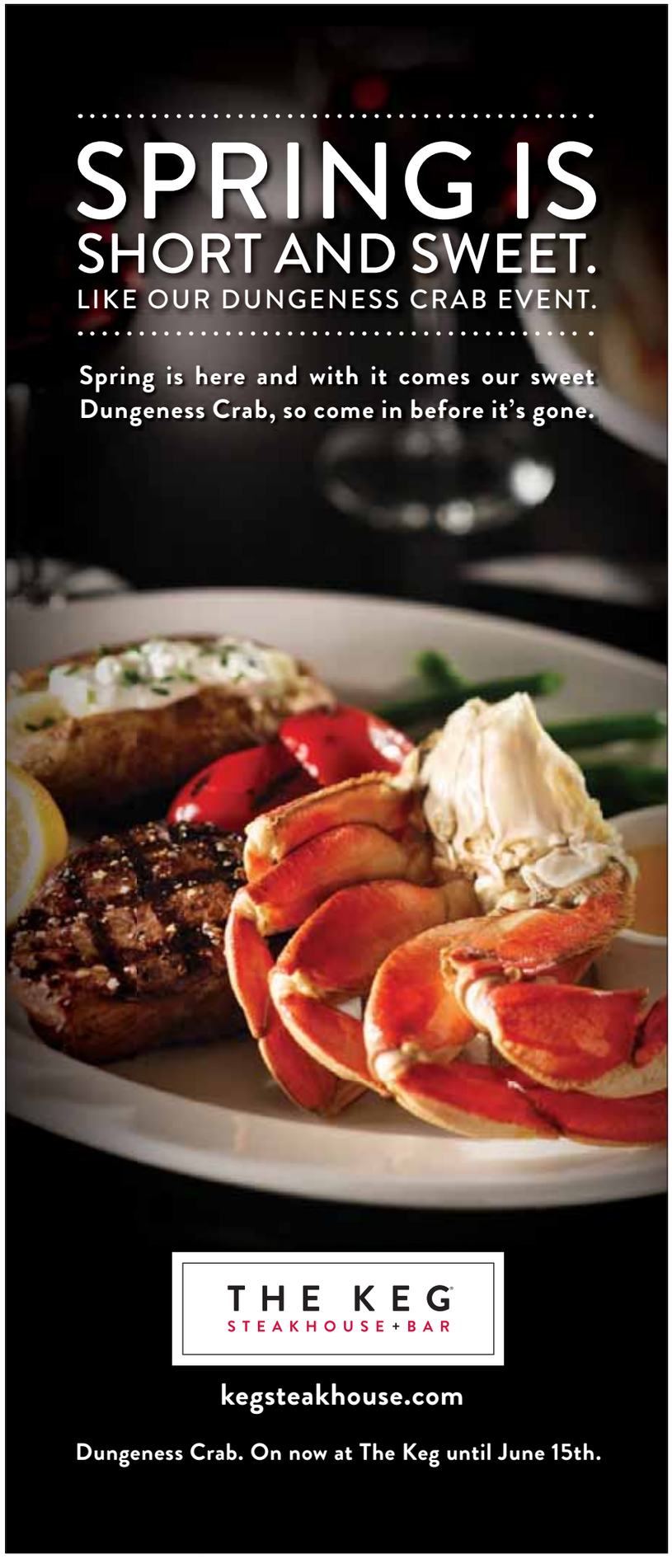
It's all part of the plan to "refresh the brand" of the folk fest since Monahan and his crew at Ottawa Bluesfest took over the troubled festival in 2010.

"The notion of a traditional folk music with banjos and fiddles really was not going to have a future in this market, so my idea was to create something more current, get some bands that are relevant to people who are music fans today," Monahan told Metro, adding that the bill is a "fan-based lineup."

Local musicians make up a good chunk of tunes with a dozen bands like Craig Cardiff, Pony Girl and Wakefield's the Strain filling the festival lineup.

Also new this year is a craft beer tent and a food truck rally to fill the bellies of hungry festivalgoers.

Folkfest runs Sept. 10-14 at Hog's Back Park.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Bill C-32. Ombudsman urges Tories to strengthen bill of rights for victims

The federal ombudsman for crime victims wants the Harper government's proposed victims bill of rights strengthened.

Sue O'Sullivan says the present legislation, Bill C-32, is welcome, but a few well-chosen amendments before it becomes law would do more to help people affected by crime.

"The introduction of a victims bill of rights marks a significant cultural shift in Canada towards a system that recognizes the important role that victims have to play and that more fully considers and integrates victims into Canada's criminal justice system," O'Sullivan said.

"That being said, the bill fails to fully address the breadth and depth of victims' needs and concerns. As the bill moves through the parliamentary process, I will be pushing for further change to strengthen the bill and I encourage all Canadians to do the same."

Her office had presented a sheaf of suggestions for inclusion in the legislation.

"When you look at some of the recommendations, we had almost 30 recommendations and I would say just about half were met either in whole or partially, but we still have work to do."

Sue O'Sullivan speaks at a press conference in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

For instance, the bill leaves it to victims to enforce restitution orders against wrongdoers.

O'Sullivan argued that restitution orders are part of a criminal's sentence and should be enforced by the authorities, not by victims going to civil court.

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Mohamed Harkat

Terror suspect waits for ruling to clarify his fate

The fate of terror suspect Mohamed Harkat — and the controversial security certificate system being used to deport him — will become clearer Wednesday when the Supreme Court of Canada issues a long-awaited ruling.

But the Ottawa man's case has taken so many twists and turns over the last dozen years that the end of the road may still be some way off.

The high court will rule on the constitutionality of the certificate regime, a rarely used means of removing non-citizens suspected of involvement in extremism or espionage.

It is also slated to decide crucial issues related to evidence in the certificate case of Harkat, an Algerian refugee accused of terrorist ties.

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Explosion, fire at Turkish coal mine leaves dozens dead

Medics help a rescued miner after an explosion and fire at a coal mine in Soma, Turkey, on Tuesday. As of press time, at least 151 miners were confirmed dead and hundreds more were trapped. DEPO PHOTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Time is working against us.' Most of the deaths were the result of carbon monoxide poisoning, Turkish energy minister says

An explosion and a fire Tuesday killed at least 151 workers at a coal mine in western Turkey and hundreds more remained trapped underground, government officials said as Turkey launched a massive rescue operation.

At press time, Energy Minister Taner Yildiz said 787 people were inside the coal mine in Soma at the time of the accident and 363 of them had been rescued. He added that 76 miners were injured. The mine is located some 250 kilometres from Istanbul.

Authorities say the disaster followed an explosion and fire caused by a power distribution unit.

Yildiz said most of the deaths were the result of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"Time is working against us," Yildiz had said earlier. He said some 400 rescuers were involved in the operation.

Yildiz said some of the workers were 420 metres deep inside the mine.

Television footage showed people cheering and applauding as some trapped workers emerged out of the mine, helped by rescuers, their faces and hard-hats covered in soot. One wiped away tears on his jacket, another smiled, waved and flashed a "thumbs up" sign at onlookers.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan postponed a one-day visit to Albania scheduled for Wednesday and planned to visit Soma instead.

The rescue effort was being hampered by the fact that the mine was made up of tunnels that were kilometres long, said Cengiz Ergun, leader of Manisa province, where the town is located.

Hundreds of people gathered outside the mine and the hospital in Soma seeking news of their loved ones. NTV television said people broke into applause as rescued workers arrived in ambulances. Interviewed by Dogan news agency, some complained about the lack of information from state and company officials about the situation of the trapped workers.

Police set up fences and stood guard around Soma state hospital to keep the crowds away.

SOMA Komur Isletmeleri A.S., which owns the mine, confirmed that a number of its workers were killed but would not give a specific figure. It said the accident occurred despite the "highest safety measures and constant controls" and added that an investigation was being launched.

"Our main priority is to get our workers out so that they may be reunited with their loved ones," the company said in a statement.

Mining accidents are common in Turkey, which is plagued by poor safety conditions.

Turkey's worst mining disaster was a 1992 gas explosion that killed 263 workers near the Black Sea port of Zonguldak.

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Lac-Mégantic accused in court

Quebec train disaster. Appearing in makeshift courtroom in Lac-Mégantic, three accused men posted bail and were released

Three men arrested in the Lac-Mégantic train disaster were released Tuesday after being arraigned on 47 charges of criminal negligence causing death.

Thomas Harding, Jean Demaitre and Richard Labrie each had to post $15,000 bail after appearing in a makeshift courtroom in Lac-Mégantic.

They were then freed on various conditions pending their next court appearance on Sept. 11. They can't change their address and can't work in the rail industry without proper supervision.

Forty-seven people were killed after a runaway train carrying crude oil derailed in Lac-Mégantic in the wee hours of last July 6 before it exploded.

Harding had completed his shift as the train's engineer earlier that evening and left the train unattended to sleep at a local inn.

The Crown has identified Labrie, 55, as the railway traffic controller and Demaitre, 50, as the manager of train operations.

The insolvent Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway faces the same criminal charges.

Earlier on Tuesday, Harding's lawyer blasted as "brutal" the manner in which they stormed into his client's residence to arrest him.

"It was the kind of arrest you would do for some heavily armed Hells Angel," said Thomas Walsh. "Basically, the whole SWAT squad was there to arrest one guy who has been living in the same place since this tragedy happened ... They are just killing a mouse with a cannon," Walsh said.

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Former Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway Ltd. employees Thomas Harding, front, Jean Demaitre, middle, and Richard Labrie are escorted by police to appear in court in Lac-Mégantic on Tuesday. The railway and the three employees will each face 47 counts of criminal negligence causing death. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Now before the courts

A conviction on charges of criminal negligence causing death carries a maximum life sentence.

- "That there are criminal charges, I think it's important," said Karine Blanchette, an employee of the Musi-Café, the establishment in the heart of town where many people died. "Finally, there's justice. But it does not bring back the people we lost and our heritage. The pollution in our environment will also remain."
- Crown spokesman Rene Verret said prosecutors decided to file these charges after an analysis of the evidence. But these men might not be the only ones charged. Several civil suits have been filed, but the criminal charges mark a first.

Canadian novelist Farley Mowat remembered

Widow Claire Mowat, right, and her grandson Justin Mowat walk behind funeral director Jamieson Ross as he carries the ashes of renowned author Farley Mowat during Mowat's funeral in Port Hope, Ont., on Tuesday.

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Bill C-23.

Harper's 'Fair Elections Act' passes

The Conservatives have used their majority muscle in the House of Commons to pass a controversial bill that makes sweeping changes to election laws.

Bill C-23, dubbed the Fair Elections Act, passed by a vote of 146 to 123.

The bill was virtually universally panned by electoral experts when it was first introduced.

The Harper government modified or removed some of the most contentious provisions: They backed down on plans to eliminate vouching, muzzle the chief electoral officer and create a loophole that would allow rich, established parties to spend untold millions more during election campaigns.

But the changes weren't enough to mollify opposition parties. The bill now moves to the Conservative-dominated Senate for approval.

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Image taken from the video Voteman, published by the Danish Parliament on YouTube on Tuesday. The sign says "polling station." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Making 'Vote or Die' seem tame

It's absurd, it's insane, it's Voteman! Danish parliament hastily pulls outlandish cartoon

Sex. Violence. Elections.

Oops.

Officials in Denmark have retracted a controversial animated cartoon that was intended to inspire young people to vote in upcoming elections for the European Parliament.

The 90-second video featured a mustachioed, muscular man aggressively interrupting a couple having sex and punching people into a polling station. It was posted late Monday on the Danish Parliament's social-media sites.

Parliament Speaker Mogens Lykketoft said Tuesday that the 179-seat Folketing should in the future "be more careful with what we put our name to." Lawmakers were cited by Danish media as saying it was done without their knowledge.

Voting for the 751-seat European Parliament takes place in each of the European Union's 28 member states, stretching over four days beginning May 22.

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Division of Cyprus

Turkey refuses to pay reparations for 1974 invasion

Turkey said Tuesday it won't pay the $123 million in damages to Cyprus ordered by Europe's top human-rights court.

The European Court of Human Rights ruled Monday that Turkey must pay the damages to Cyprus for its 1974 invasion and the island's subsequent division.

The ruling came as the Turkish and Greek Cypriot communities are making a new effort to reunite the island.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu called the ruling unfair and said it put all the blame for Cyprus's division on Turkey.

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Controversial precedent

Convictions stick for impersonating scholars online

New York's highest court on Tuesday upheld a man's convictions for criminal impersonation and forgery for using online aliases to damage reputations, opening a path for other prosecutions in the digital age.

The Court of Appeals upheld 19 charges against Raphael Golb, who impersonated scholars in order to discredit detractors of his father's view of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

In a sharply worded dissent, Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman said the top court was giving prosecutors "powers they should not have to determine what speech should and should not be penalized."

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Real estate

Former Israeli PM gets six years for bribery scandal

Israel's former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was sentenced on Tuesday to six years in prison for his role in a bribery case.

The Tel Aviv district court handed down the punishment in a real-estate scandal related to Olmert's activities when he was mayor of Jerusalem.

According to the verdict, millions of dollars illegally changed hands to promote a series of real-estate projects, including a controversial housing development in Jerusalem that required a radical change in zoning laws and earned developers tax breaks and other benefits.

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U.S. aircraft searching for Nigerian schoolgirls

Foreign assistance. Britain and U.S. now actively helping Nigeria's government in rescue effort

A Nigerian government official said "all options are open" in efforts to rescue almost 300 abducted schoolgirls from their captors as U.S. reconnaissance aircraft started flying over the West African country in a search effort.

According to a senior defence official in Washington, the U.S. is using a manned MC-12 surveillance aircraft, which is based in Niger, to conduct missions in Nigeria. In addition to the turboprop model which has seen heavy use in Afghanistan, U.S. officials are also considering the use of drones. At this point the surveillance missions are not continuous.

Britain, which has dispatched security experts to Nigeria, said it is looking to offer "longer-term counter-terrorism solutions to prevent such attacks in the future and defeat Boko Haram."

The U.S. is sharing commercial satellite imagery with the Nigerian government and is flying manned intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft over Nigeria with the Nigerian government's permission, a senior U.S. official said on Monday.

Nigeria's government initially suggested there would be no negotiations with Boko Haram, but it appears that stance may be relaxed.

Mike Omeri, the director of the government's information agency, said the government will "use whatever kind of action" it takes to free the girls. He also warned that a military operation, with foreign help, was possible.

"At the moment, because all options are open we are interacting with experts, military and intelligence experts from other parts of the world," he said late Monday.

The official News Agency of Nigeria said that President Goodluck Jonathan on Tuesday asked the National Assembly to extend for another six months the state of emergency in Borno and two other northeastern states. The emergency was imposed May 14, 2013, and extended in December. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kidnapped schoolgirls

Families to view video released by Boko Haram

Boko Haram, the group that kidnapped the girls last month from a school in Borno state, released a video Monday purporting to show some of the girls.

The group's leader, who appears separately, says in the video: "I swear to almighty Allah, you will not see them again until you release our brothers that you have captured." He has previously threatened to sell the girls into slavery.

Hussein Monguno, an official with a civic group called the Borno Yobe People's Forum, said representatives of the families of the missing girls had been invited to the Borno governor's residence in the Nigerian capital of Abuja to view the video to see if they can "verify" that their children are in the video.

A woman wipes a tear as she addresses the crowd during a rally Tuesday in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, to show support for the release of the kidnapped girls in Nigeria. A French official says Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has agreed to attend a summit Saturday in Paris to focus on the Boko Haram terrorist network. REMY DE LA MAUVINIERE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine skeptical about plan pushed by Germany

Germany's foreign minister tried to broker quick talks between Ukraine's central government and pro-Russia separatists. However, Ukraine remained skeptical Tuesday as fighting claimed six more lives in the restive east.

Six Ukrainian servicemen were ambushed and killed and eight others wounded Tuesday afternoon outside the town of Kramatorsk, which is in the Donetsk region, one of two in eastern Ukraine that declared independence on Monday. They were attacked by at least 30 insurgents using grenade launchers and automatic weapons.

The plan laid out by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, a trans-Atlantic security group, calls on all sides to refrain from violence and urges amnesty for those involved in the unrest as well as talks on decentralization and the status of the Russian language.

But Ukrainian officials sounded skeptical Tuesday about the OSCE plan. Speaking in Brussels, acting Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk thanked the OSCE but said Ukraine has drawn up its own "road map" for ending the crisis and noted the people of his country should settle the issue themselves.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk addresses the media at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, Tuesday. The EC says it will make sure Ukraine has all the support it needs to undertake political and economic reforms. YVES LOGGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia, meanwhile, called Tuesday for a swift implementation of the OSCE plan, saying its demand to end violence means that Kyiv should stop its military operation to recapture buildings in the east, lift its blockade of cities and towns, pull its forces from eastern regions and release all insurgents. It added that it expects separatists in Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk regions to respond in kind if Kyiv does.

Yevhen Perebiynis, spokesman for the Ukrainian foreign ministry, lamented Tuesday that the OSCE deal does not specifically oblige Russia to do anything.

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Poison-laced

Alleged ricin-letter sender wants guilty plea withdrawn

A man who pleaded guilty to making ricin and sending letters laced with the poison to U.S. President Barack Obama and other officials now wants to withdraw the plea.

James Everett Dutschke pleaded guilty in January to sending the tainted letters to Obama as well as Republican U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker and Mississippi judge Sadie Holland. He was to be sentenced Tuesday. At the sentencing, Dutschke told U.S. District Judge Sharion Aycock that he was innocent and wanted a chance to prove it.

Aycock did not rule immediately. Aycock said she would look at arguments from the defence and prosecution. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Not good enough'

Feds to strengthen oil-spill response

With a decision expected next month on the contentious Northern Gateway pipeline, the federal government announced new measures Tuesday to strengthen its oil-spill response regime.

Those changes include removing a $161-million cap on payouts from a national oil spill compensation fund and making the $400-million fund available in case of a marine spill. The proposed changes failed to convert pipeline critics, who said the entire Canadian Ship-source Oil Pollution Fund wouldn't help much in a worst-case scenario spill off B.C.'s coast.

"That's really not good enough," said Art Sterritt, executive director of Coastal First Nations, who oppose the pipelines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ROM seeks local help with second blue whale

Newfoundland. First whale will be trucked to Trenton, Ont.

The Royal Ontario Museum is seeking local help before it decides whether it will handle a second blue whale carcass in western Newfoundland.

Mark Engstrom, deputy director of collections and research for the museum, says he'll decide in the next day or two whether work on that whale rotting in Rocky Harbour will go ahead.

His team was also packing the last of the bones from the 23-metre female whale that will be trucked to Trenton, Ont., where Research Casting International, which specializes in museum displays, will help further handle the remains. Scientists will be able to access the specimens as part of the museum's collection.

Engstrom had hoped to handle both whales, but he said unexpected costs have added up. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A team cuts up the carcass of a blue whale. PAUL DALY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary. Restaurant rewards family for their daughter's good behaviour

A Calgary family got a deal on their Mother's Day tiramisu after a restaurant rewarded them for having "well-behaved kids."

Carino Japanese Bistro took $5 off the family's $54 bill because their one-year-old daughter displayed good manners.

The parents were so impressed by the discount, they posted a pic of their receipt on Reddit.

While most Redditors simply marvelled at Alberta's lack of a provincial sales tax, others questioned the restaurant's decision.

"A 'well-behaved' one-year old is sort of just rewarding someone for random chance," wrote one.

"Yeah that's not good parenting, you just happen to be in the restaurant between meltdowns," penned another. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO ONLINE

A picture of a Calgary couple's brunch receipt was circulating on Reddit Monday. COURTESY REDDIT

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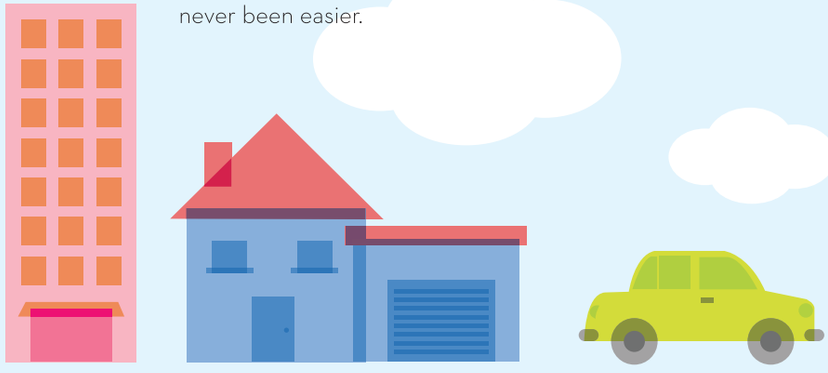

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Replacing grisly hunts with Grizzly viewings

An enticing offer. First Nations are offering two grizzly hunters an all-expenses-paid, five-night, guided bear viewing experience

B.C.'s Coastal First Nations hope a luxurious offer will encourage grizzly hunters to exchange gunsights for sightseeing.

Spirit Bear Lodge, a First Nations-owned and operated facility near Klemtu, on the central coast, is offering an all-expenses-paid, five-night, guided bear-viewing experience to two hunters.

In exchange for the trip, the selected hunters must agree to hand over their valid licence allowing them to bag a grizzly bear this year within Coastal First Nations territories.

First Nations point to research showing bears in the region are worth more alive than they are dead.

Heiltsuk Coastwatch Director William Housty hunts to feed his family, but says it is against anyone's common values to kill for fun and he urges hunters to leave their guns behind and see grizzlies from a First Nations perspective.

This year's deadline for limited entry hunt licences expires later this month and eligible hunters interested in trading their licence for the bear viewing trip must contact Spirit Bear Lodge to be included in the random draw.

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B.C.'s Coastal First Nations are enticing hunters with a bear-viewing experience in exchange for handing over hunting licences for a year. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Hoarding. Dozens of dogs seized from Calgary home

The Calgary Humane Society is investigating the circumstances at a home in the city's southeast where dozens of dogs were seized after concerns were raised for the animals' welfare.

Brad Nichols of the Calgary Humane Society said they received a call from the Calgary Police Service this afternoon after officers were called in to check on the welfare of a resident living on Addison Drive SE in the community of Acadia.

Around 30 to 32 dogs were discovered inside the home, according to the Calgary Humane Society.

"When they entered, they found dozens of dogs living in unsanitary conditions. At this point, we're in the midst of removing the animals," Nichols said. He added that it's rare to come across a home with this many dogs inside.

"I hesitate to call it a hoarding situation but certainly an overcrowding concern," he said. Nichols said he's unsure of the homeowner or resident's whereabouts.

Dozens of dogs were seized from a Calgary home Tuesday afternoon. KATIE TURNER/FOR METRO IN CALGARY

Jo-Anne Leussink, a dog trainer, lives two doors down from the home and said she knows the occupant and has competed against her in dog shows.

Leussink said she was informed by a man trying to drop something off at the home that there was a strong odour coming from the house, so Leussink pushed open the front door, which she said was unlocked, and she found dogs all over the home.

The Calgary Humane Society will head the investigation.

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Alberta to sell caribou lands to energy industry

The Alberta government is planning to sell off crucial caribou habitat to the energy industry just days after a federal scientific panel said the herds were in immediate danger of vanishing completely.

Starting Wednesday, Alberta Energy is to auction off 1,700 hectares of land north of Grande Cache — home to the remaining members of several herds of mountain caribou.

A federal scientific panel ruled earlier this month that those herds should be assessed as endangered, the highest level of threat available under Canadian law, because their numbers have tumbled by about 60 per cent over the last decade.

"Most of it's industrial disturbance," said Justina Ray, one of the biologists who completed the assessment for Environment Canada's Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada.

About 1,200 hectares on the block is on the range of the 78-animal Narraway herd. Data compiled by Global Forest Watch suggests more than 81 per cent of that range is already disrupted.

Herds of caribou are in danger of vanishing, according to a scientific panel. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

The most recent figures for those areas are four years old.

Alberta Energy spokesman Mike Feenstra said the province recognizes mountain caribou as threatened, if not endangered. Temporary holds have been placed on lease sales on the ranges of two other boreal caribou herds, he said.

Ray that policy-makers need to consider that habitat pressures centred in Alberta are starting to spread.

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Veteran who was kicked out of bar settles complaint with police

A military veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder who was removed from a bar in western Manitoba for having a dog at his side has reached a settlement with the local police force.

"It's often misunderstood when people have an invisible disability," Patricia Knipe, spokeswoman for the Manitoba Human Rights Commission, said.

Billy-Jo Nachuk filed a complaint with the commission after an encounter with police at the Keystone Motor Inn Lounge on April 16, 2011.

Nachuk said he and a friend were in the bar along with Nachuk's service dog, Gambler, when told he had to leave. Nachuk said he had certification proving that his dog was needed as part of his PTSD treatment to cope with anxiety, but three police officers refused to listen to him.

He left and, according to the report, later said he felt "totally degraded." There have been similar cases involving members of the military. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Year 2064: Obesity cure,

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Protesters demand fat control therapy for all

Weight pain. Minister of health draws a hard line in his refusal to fund life-saving treatment for obesity

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Criticism of the Ministry of Health reached a new level this week as two more advocacy groups joined calls for the ministry to begin funding an effective anti-obesity treatment that has been commercially available for more than a decade.

Healthy Weight Canada and End Obesity Now say that the ministry is denying Canadians access to what they consider a life-saving treatment.

Canada continues to deny health care coverage for Zaponectin, an injectable hormone therapy that controls appetite, boosts metabolism and promotes weight loss. It also protects against glucose intolerance and insulin resistance — two conditions that are precursors to adult-onset diabetes.

Cost for the initial and follow-up treatments can reach over $250,000 — an amount out of reach for many of the patients who need it most.

Over the years, the ministry has argued Zaponectin is a non-essential treatment, falling into the alternative therapy and cosmetic category.

"Obesity is a lifestyle choice," said Marcus Aarles, minister of health and long-term care for the ruling Newer Democratic Party.

Aarles has repeatedly come under criticism for the hard line he has taken in refusing to fund the treatment, especially when, earlier this year, The American Republic agreed to add Zaponectin as an approved and funded medical treatment.

The drug first appeared on the market in 2053 and was immediately adopted by the wealthy as a way to maintain svelte physiques. The treatment stimulates the production of adiponectin, a hormone secreted from fat cells. In an individual of healthy weight, adiponectin stimulates metabolism, protects against cellular damage and controls appetite. However, as a person becomes obese, their body stops producing the hormone.

"It is not the duty of the government to fund treatments that help people look better in bikinis," Aarles said at the time.

"It's terrifying that the man making important decisions about our health care has such a prejudiced view of those suffering from obesity," said Anne Pechlof, director of End Obesity Now, a group that works to promote healthy body weight through gene and hormone therapy.

On Tuesday, Pechlof led a group of more than 100 protesters to Parliament Hill, demanding that the government immediately begin funding Zaponectin. "In 2064, it's a disgrace that people are dying of turn-of-the-century ailments like cardiovascular disease and diabetes. The Newer Democratic Party government doesn't take a long-term view with this treatment," said Pechlof.

"If more people had access to Zaponectin, we would eliminate the need to treat obesity-related ailments."

Aarles, however, maintains the responsibility for one's health lies with the individual. "Time and again, we see that a healthy diet and exercise are all that's needed to avoid many of these diseases. The government refuses to burden the taxpayer with the mistakes of people who have no self-control."

"We aren't asking for this to look good," said Pechlof at the rally. "We are asking for this to even the playing field between rich and poor. Not only are those who can't afford this treatment suffering health problems, they are also suffering from the demeaning stigma associated with being overweight."

Find out the real story

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Ford found. Former Toronto mayor resurfaces after half a century in hiding

Former Toronto mayor Rob Ford came out of hiding Tuesday, a half century after he disappeared amid the biggest scandal of that era.

In 2014, Ford left Toronto in the middle of his re-election campaign to seek help for his drug and alcohol use after he was caught on numerous videos making derogatory comments about women and minorities.

Ford did not return by election day. As time went by, his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, continued to refuse to identify the rehab facility Ford was at for treatment, and theories about his whereabouts multiplied.

In late 2016, the media frenzy over Ford's whereabouts reached a fever pitch over a suspected Ford sighting in the Ontario wilderness, but it turned out to be a balding bear.

Today, "Ford Truthers" continue to promote the idea that Ford's candidacy was a left-wing conspiracy engineered to make conservatives look bad and claim that Rob Ford — and in fact the whole Ford family — were only ever actors.

In the age of blanket surveillance, most observers concluded that with no reputable sighting of him in all these years, he must have died.

However Ford, alive, well and remarkably fit for a 97-year-old, shocked everyone Tuesday when he called an unexpected press conference. He revealed that he's been at a yoga retreat on a remote island off B.C. for the last five decades, one of the few places the electronic eyes of the government and the press neglected to watch.

"Namaste, maggots," he said, in his first media scrum in 50 years. "Yoga is amazing. It reminds me of football camp. Kind of like the Washington Redskins camp I went to as a kid."

Following a period of medically supervised detox back in 2014, Ford turned to yoga therapy to work through his mental health issues. After finding he was no longer angry with his political opponents, he had no desire to return to politics, he said.

"I've been working out like an animal," he said. "Those yogi, they really work at their downward dogs."

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lab lungs, Ford Truthers

Protesters took to Parliament Hill on Tuesday to demand government funding for Zaponectin, a hormone therapy that has proven successful for treating obesity. They argue that obesity should be treated as a disease with deadly consequences.

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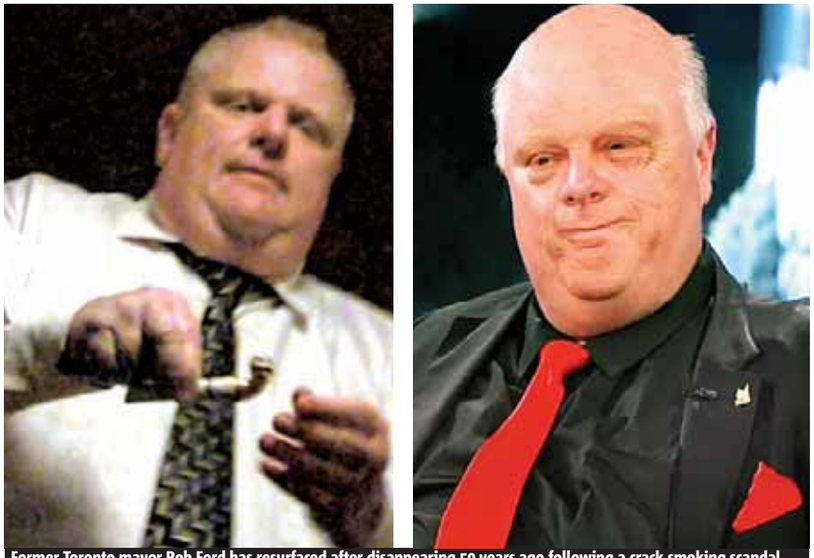

Former Toronto mayor Rob Ford has resurfaced after disappearing 50 years ago following a crack smoking scandal. Ford looks young for his 97 years, thanks to a regimen of anti-aging drugs and yoga. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: DAVID VAN DYKE

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ORGAN DISPUTE JEOPARDIZES PHENOM'S CAREER

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He may skate like Bobby Orr and make plays like The Great One, but hockey's current golden boy also happens to have something those legendary players never had — super lungs.

The Trans-National Hockey League confirmed Tuesday what had been rumoured on viral media for weeks — Joseph Bijral of the Regina Ice Breakers has a pair of vat-grown lungs. They're bigger, stronger, and operate at about 12 per cent greater efficiency than your average TNHL forward's. Now that his full medical records have been made public by the young phenom himself, we know Bijral received the artificial organs as a last-resort, life-saving measure after a near-fatal vehicular accident at age 11. He's 21 now.

Artificially-grown organ technology was in its adolescence 10 years ago, but even today, full-lung replacements are complicated by rejection factors. "It was just something that happened when I was a kid," said Bijral at an Ice Breakers' media holocaust yesterday. "I wouldn't be here right now without this thing.

"I never thought it would be a problem, honestly."

Turns out, it's a big problem. After finally acknowledging the lung issue on Tuesday, TNHL spokesperson Janice Marbeta announced a Special Competitive Oversight Committee meeting to determine whether Bijral's lungs fall under the sports world's latest buzzword — "unintentional performance enhancement."

"Effective immediately," Marbeta said, "Joseph Bijral will be suspended from active league play until such time as we can determine his status in regards to unintentional performance enhancement.

Hollow words, perhaps, considering the regular season is already over, and the Ice Breakers didn't make the 2064 playoffs.

If this special committee decides Bijral is good to play, it's unlikely much of anything in the league will change, at least according to Jonathan Lane, former assistant to the vice-president of TNHL operations. "There aren't many people out there walking around with super-lungs. This whole to-do pretty much applies just to Joey," Lane said.

If the TNHL does opt to ban Bijral, it could be the end to a promising career that never was. But for hockey fans in Regina, still starving for their first Stanley Cup 23 years after the club's inception in 2041, hope is not lost. Lane said he's confident any decision the committee reaches is unlikely to roll against the young left winger, although he didn't rule out the league ordering a capacity valve be installed in Bijral's lungs to limit their breathing advantage.

Lane's been vocal on viral media about the issue. "They'll take their time over the summer humming and hawing about it, wait till the last minute, then let him play next year. It might be another full season or two before they (the TNHL committee) finally formalize a ruling, but in the meantime, believe me, he'll play."

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Find out the research

- Read about University of Toronto professor of kinesiology Bruce Kidd's thoughts on lab-grown organs at metronews.ca/features/metro-2064/

Olympic fallout

Will Bijral compete in Pyongyang 2066?

Shortly after the Trans-National Hockey League acknowledged Joseph Bijral's so-called superlungs, the sports world started buzzing with speculation about how an Olympic committee might approach the issue.

The IOC has a history of tougher rules, stricter policies and perhaps a higher moral obligation than private leagues. It's possible they might view Bijral's lungs as an unfair advantage, and decide to even the playing field, or ban him from competing.

With the 2066 Pyongyang Winter Olympics looming, there is little doubt that Hockey Canada is watching the outcome of the TNHL committee decision with great interest.

A spokesperson told Metro that if Bijral was barred from Olympic participation, it would be a huge loss for the team, looking to redeem itself after a disappointing fourth-place finish in the last Winter Games. COLIN MCNEIL/METRO

Privacy. You'd like to forget those wild party pics; now Google may have to, as well

People should have some say over the results that pop up when they conduct a vanity search online, Europe's highest court said Tuesday.

In a landmark decision, The Court of Justice of the European Union said Google must listen and sometimes comply when individuals ask the Internet search giant to remove links to newspaper articles or websites containing personal information.

Campaigners say the ruling effectively backs individual privacy rights over the freedom of information.

In an advisory judgment stemming from a lawsuit against Google that will affect all search engines, including Yahoo and Microsoft's Bing, the court said a search on a person's name yields a results page that amounts to an individual profile, one that a person has some right to control over under European privacy laws. As such, the court said people should be able to ask to have links to private information removed. That's true even when a non-Google website is still hosting the information.

In the ruling, the court said people "may address such a request directly to the operator of the search engine ... which must then duly examine its merits." In addition, it said search engines must weigh "the legitimate interest of Internet users potentially interested in having access to that information" against the right to privacy and protection of personal data.

When an agreement can't be reached, the Luxembourg-based court said the matter can be referred to a local judge or regulator.

The decision came as a surprise since it went counter to the advice the court received from its own top lawyer last year. The European court became involved after a Spanish appeals court asked for its opinion in 200 pending cases. Initially billed as a test of "the right to be forgotten," the impact of Tuesday's wider ruling could be far and wide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN mulling over a ban on 'killer robots'

United Nations. While the technology does not exist yet, diplomats said it's time to start debating the legal, moral and ethical issues

In this March 17 photo, protesters rally outside the Iowa Air National Guard base, in Des Moines, Iowa. The United Nations just devoted a meeting to debating how to deal with "killer robots" in the future. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Diplomats urged the adoption of new international laws Tuesday that could govern or outright forbid the use of killer robots if the technology becomes reality someday.

At the first United Nations meeting devoted to the subject, representatives began trying to define the limits and responsibilities of so-called lethal autonomous weapons systems that could go beyond human-directed drones already being used by some armies today.

"All too often international law only responds to atrocities and suffering once it has happened," Michael Moeller, acting head of the UN's European headquarters in Geneva, told diplomats at the start of the four-day gathering. "You have the opportunity to take preemptive action and ensure that the ultimate decision to end life remains firmly under human control."

He noted that the UN treaty they were meeting to discuss — the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons adopted by 117 nations including the world's major powers — was used before to prohibit the use of blinding laser weapons in the 1990s before they were ever deployed on the battlefield, and this "serves as an example." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ooops...

IRS gives out $13B+ in credits meant for poor families

The Internal Revenue Service paid more than $13 billion US in tax credits last year to people who may not have qualified, a government investigator said Tuesday.

The Earned Income Tax Credits were supposed to go to low-income working families.

The agency's inspector general issued a report Tuesday saying the improper payments were between $13.3 billion and $15.6 billion. That's about a quarter of all EITC payments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

13 deaths

GM recall shows fallibility of air bags

Here's an unsettling fact about cars equipped with airbags: They don't always deploy when drivers — or regulators — expect them to.

Thirteen people have died in crashes involving older GM cars with defective ignition switches. In each of those crashes, and in others in which occupants were injured, the airbags failed to deploy even after striking trees, guard rails or other objects.

The U.S. government is scrambling to find out from other automakers and airbag suppliers how their airbags would function in similar situations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MESSY, RUDE AND WORTH EVERY OFFENCE

JUST SAYIN'

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Most people have heard about the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but it seems to have escaped the notice of the people who run Instagram (the same people who run Facebook).

Especially this bit—Section 2(b): "Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms: Freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication."

Like, Instagram?

With exquisite timing, just before Mother's Day, Instagram shut down Heather Bays' account because it featured pictures of her breastfeeding her 20-month old daughter. Heather, who's originally from Winnipeg and now lives in Toronto, may have thought she was sharing a beautiful picture celebrating motherhood with her community, but Instagram apparently thought she was trafficking in child pornography.

Seriously. One photo showed her daughter's bare torso, and another one exposed a full breast and someone took offence and complained.

Let's remember that Heather Bays is a maternity photographer. Unlike millions of moronic selfies, her photos are actually good.

Meanwhile, over in Vancouver, people are trying to get Dr. Seuss banned again. This time, it's If I Ran the Zoo, because there's a line about zoo helpers who "all wear their eyes at a slant" alongside illustrations of Asian stereotypes. While this was all viewed as perfectly acceptable back in 1950, it is offensive through a 2014 lens.

The Vancouver Public Library is resisting the call for the ban, wisely recognizing that if they ban Dr. Seuss, they would have to ban half the world's literature, from Sophocles to the Arabian Nights.

At one time or another, everything and everyone offends. These days, everyone is offended. I don't envy the gatekeepers. When everything is offensive, what do you do?

If you ask me, it's simple. Just remember the Nazis. They loved to find things offensive. They burned books and banned works of art because they were decadent or written by Jews. The Nazis weren't interested in freedom of thought, belief, etc. In fact, they loathed and opposed such things.

Good thing we're not like the Nazis, eh?

Look. As far as I'm concerned, lots of things are offensive. There are times when I wish country music, Hallmark greeting cards and cat videos were ruthlessly suppressed. But then I come to my senses.

We need to remember the great value of freedom. Right now in Nigeria, hundreds of schoolgirls have been kidnapped by narrow-minded extremists to prevent them from being exposed to western education. This is the logical dead end of censorship. Freedom is messy, rude and annoying, but it beats oppression and slavery every time.

So let's cut everyone a little slack. As far as I know, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms doesn't protect your right to be offended.

At least not yet.

ZOOM

Tortoise in shark's clothing

If you don't want your critter to be disappointed, order now because there's a six-week waiting list for the cosies.
CONTRIBUTED

Q&A

Shelling out for a new look

'Shell suits' are back in fashion — for tortoises and snails at least. The made-to-measure, tea-cosy-style crochet designs that snuggly fit any shelled frame are the work of Katie Bradley. The project has fast become a sellout success with orders coming in from all over the world and Bradley now offers 25 designs, including shark and stegosaurus outfits on Etsy.com. The U.S.-based crocheter tells Metro about the family joke that became a fashion phenomenon.

The fashion industry is notoriously fast-paced with its constantly changing trends. Will you be offering seasonal collections or are you happy to continue crocheting at a snail's pace? Quite a few of my designs already are seasonal. I am working on several patriotic Independence Day designs, and also have plans for some new Halloween tortoise cosies (one design looks like an eyeball). I've also made some more glamorous designs for clients by incorporating sequins and beads by special request.

Sequins and beads sound like you're heading into couture. Are the cosies only for special occasions? The snails only wear their cosies for photo ops. The rest of the time they're happy to dine nude in my garden.

Of course. Why is there such demand for what's a frankly bizarre item? Tortoise keepers love their tortoises. Often the critter has been in the family for a long time, and is considered a part of the family. People like to dress up their dogs, cats, chickens and frogs... so dressing up a tortoise isn't such a strange idea. OK, it is a strange idea, but is a very *cute* strange idea.
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Public urination, prepare for a takedown

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Public urination is a serious problem in many countries, and India is no exception. With that in mind, a group called The Clean Indian has set a water tanker with a rude name into the streets of Mumbai to take a highly pressurized stand.

While it is amusing to watch ne'er-do-wells walloped by a water wall, it's important to note that critics in India are rightfully pointing out flaws in The Clean Indian's approach. Namely, a lack of public toilets in many of India's more crowded communities, and much more importantly, a massive waste of fresh water in a world where far too many don't have access to it. (Via The Clean Indian/YouTube)

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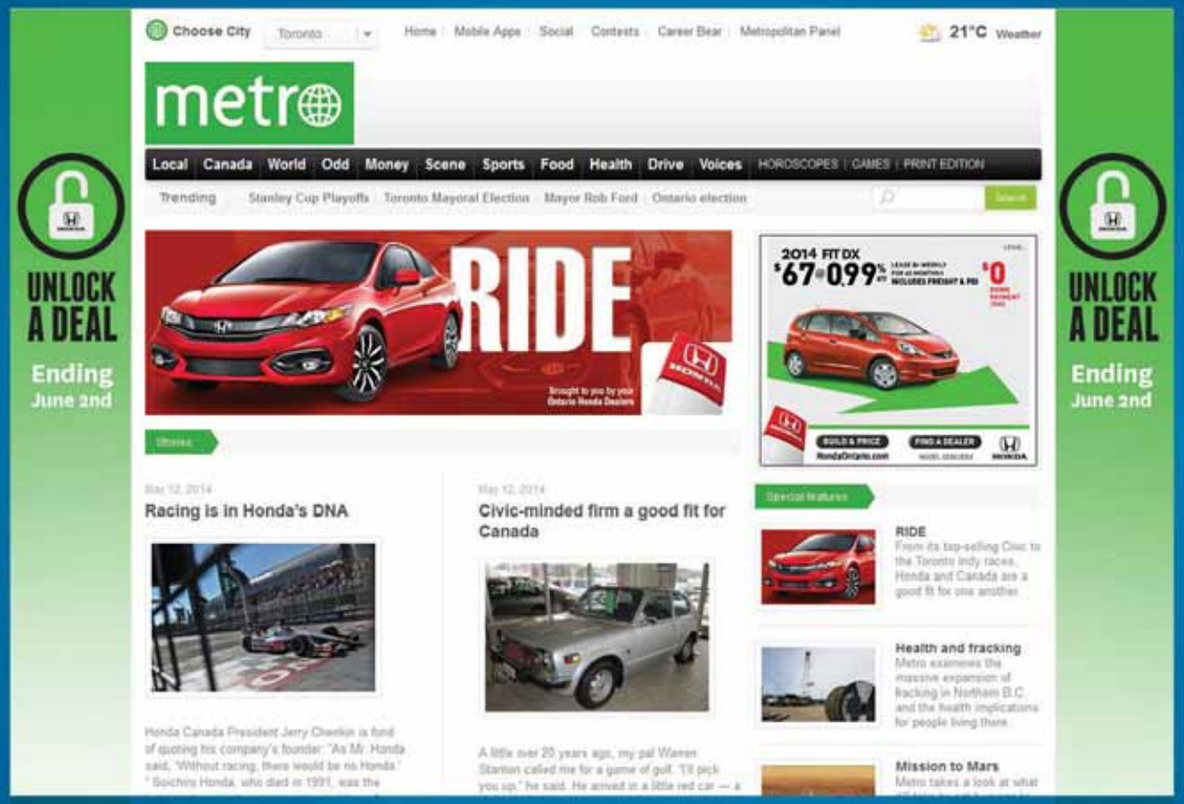

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Turn the fables on baseball

Diamond movies.
Baseball brings out fantastic sports stories that audiences love

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Jon Hamm as sports agent J.B. Bernstein in the new baseball picture, Million Dollar Arm. CONTRIBUTED

"I still get such a bang out of it," says Buck Weaver (John Cusack) in Eight Men Out, "playing ball."

Given the number of sports movies that have been released in the last 30 years, apparently audiences also get a bang out of watching films about baseball.

This weekend, Jon Hamm stars in a new ball picture, Million Dollar Arm. The Mad Men star plays real-life sports agent J.B. Bernstein who recruited Indian cricket players Rinku Singh and Dinesh Patel for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

It's an unconventional baseball movie, but there seems to be something about the sport that lends itself to fantastic stories and fables.

Roger Ebert called Field of Dreams, "a religious picture," then added, "but the religion is baseball." In this 1989 hit Kevin Costner plays an Iowa corn farmer who hears a mysterious voice. "If you build it, he will come." The "it" is a baseball diamond and the "he" is Shoeless Joe Jackson, the legendary outfielder for the disgraced 1919 Chicago White Sox.

The movie uses a baseball theme as a backdrop for a story about following your dreams, believing in the impossible and the idea that baseball was "a symbol of all that was once good in America."

The film struck a chord with audiences and tourists alike. Since its release, the field built for the film in Dubuque County, Iowa has attracted hundreds of thousands of people, and spawned new restaurants, shops, a hotel, all in a town of only 4,000 people.

Robert Redford's film The Natural looks to Arthurian legends for its story. Redford plays Roy Hobbs, a young pitcher with natural ability. Cut down in his prime by a tragic accident, he disappears, only to return many years later to become a star at an age when most players are hanging up their gloves. "It took me 16 years to get here," he says. "You play me, and I'll give you the best I got."

Kevin Costner in the 1989 baseball blockbuster Field of Dreams. CONTRIBUTED

America's got religion

Field of Dreams is "a religious picture ... but the religion is baseball."

Roger Ebert

The Holy Grail of baseball

Based on a novel by Bernard Malamud, the characters in The Natural each represent a person from ancient literature.

- There are elements of Round Table Knight Percival's pursuit of the Holy Grail present in Hobbs' story.
- He's a Knight (literally, his team is called The Knights) who must bring back the Grail, or pennant, to team manager Pop Fisher, whose name is an alias for the Fisher King, keeper of the Grail.
- If you think that is reading too much into the story, perhaps Woody Allen in Zelig is more your speed. "I love baseball. You know it doesn't have to mean anything, it's just beautiful to watch."

Q&A

Lake the next Sandy?

Million Dollar Arm producer likens his casting of Lake Bell — known for more comic acting and for directing last year's In a World — as Jon Hamm's love interest in the true baseball tale to when he cast an unknown Sandra Bullock in While You Were Sleeping nearly 20 years ago. "She's got a great career in front of her," Roth says. So, no pressure, right Lake?

I was wondering, after Joe Roth made the Sandra Bullock comparison, if you're feeling any extra career pressure already.

I was like, "Damn, Joe." We'll see how that plays out (laughs). No, I was hugely flattered just because obviously I love Sandra Bullock, and she's fantastic ... It was hugely complimentary. And it legitimately made me blush.

You have such a great, easy time riffing with Jon.

Jon and I are lucky because we've been pals for such a long time, though this is the first time that we got to do a movie together. We do Children's Hospital, but he just rolls in when he wants to for an episode here or there while we're doing the show. This was fun because we were on equal ground in scenes and got to sink our teeth into something. But yeah, I think that kind of banter is something that we both enjoy.

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Lake Bell and Jon Hamm in Million Dollar Arm. CONTRIBUTED

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So Jennifer Lawrence really is that awesome

Hugh Jackman is happy to confirm the rumours that Jennifer Lawrence is awesome. "What you see is what you get, and I've met her and worked with her. The way you imagine her to be is how she is," he tells E! News. "She just manages to handle this incredible fame and power that she has with real ease. On top of that, she's a brilliant actor. She's not only one of the most talented actors I've met, she's one of the most authentic. Very down-to-earth, no ego. She has a lot of fun doing what she does."

Jennifer Lawrence GETTY IMAGES

Alec Baldwin GETTY IMAGES

Alec pedals his way to a pair of handcuffs

Actor Alec Baldwin was arrested and issued two summonses after allegedly acting belligerently toward two officers who had stopped him for riding his bicycle the wrong way down a New York City street, police said Tuesday.

The 30 Rock star was riding his bike the wrong way at 16th Street and Fifth Avenue near Union Square Park in Manhattan when he was stopped at about 10:15 a.m. and asked to show identification, they said.

Police say Baldwin, 56, refused to show his ID and acted belligerently, prompting the officers to handcuff him and take him, and his bicycle, to a nearby precinct.

Baldwin was issued two summonses — for riding a bike the wrong way down a street and for disorderly conduct — and was then released, police said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Solange vs. Jay Z: The aftermath

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

I'm not going to lie. This item is mostly an excuse to once again watch the amazing footage of Solange Knowles attacking her brother-in-law, Jay Z, after the Met Gala.

I know everybody watched it at least three times on Monday (once when the news broke on TMZ, once when the extended footage came out, and once later to point out to your friends how Beyoncé just stood there) but it will never be enough.

Apparently Solange was on a bit of a tear all evening. Earlier at the same Met Gala after-party at The Standard hotel, Solange yelled at designer Rachel Roy, sources tell Us Weekly. One source says Beyoncé "got in the middle of" her sister's fracas with Roy; another source said Roy was just one of a group Solange harangued.

This still doesn't tell us what had Solange so riled up. However, she did delete all of her shots of Beyoncé from her Instagram account on Monday, save for this one from 2013, with music video director Melina Matsoukas.

What does it all mean? Alas, we do not know. The Jay/Bey PR machine is just too powerful to let the real story out. I guess the only comfort we have in these troubled times is to watch the footage again.

Miley Cyrus GETTY IMAGES

Miley's Wrecking Ball an ode to her exes

If there was any doubt that Miley Cyrus' hit Wrecking Ball was about ex-fiancé Liam Hemsworth, the former Disney star seemed to put it to rest during an expletive-filled intro to the song during a London club performance, according to TMZ. "Every time you get in your car, you're going to hear my f–ing song on the f–ing radio, you piece of s–," she shouted to the crowd. "I'm going to tell those motherf–ers that broke my heart, particularly one, to suck my fat d– and to enjoy hearing this song for the rest of your life." During the show, Cyrus also licked a giant inflatable penis and courted further controversy by making a date-rape joke while wishing a straight male friend a happy birthday.

Jennifer Aniston GETTY IMAGES

Aniston's perfect hair 'at odds with a brush'

Jennifer Aniston has long been admired for her hair, but she wants the world to know that it hasn't been easy. In fact, it's been a struggle. "The thing that makes me chuckle is when I hear that my hair is so this or so that," she tells the Boston Globe during a visit to her hair product shop, Living Proof. "My hair is always at odds with a brush and a hair dryer. To get my hair straight can be a struggle."

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Dive into the cocktails and culture that Curacao offers

So much to C. This Dutch island offers a multicultural experience and some of the finest diving in the world

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Curacao (pronounced KEWR-E-SOW) is a Dutch island in the Caribbean and the "C" in the ABC islands alongside Aruba and Bonaire.

Located just off the coast of Venezuela, the island features a unique multicultural mix, playing home to 150,000 residents who hail from 55 different countries.

The island also offers visitors plenty of opportunities to lie on sun-soaked white sandy beaches; to go on underwater adventures via top-rated scuba diving sites; to see the colonial charms of its capital, Willemstad; and sample cocktails spiked with Curacao's iconic blue liqueur.

Curacao's premiere 366-room property, Santa Barbara Beach and Golf Resort, is a short 30-minute drive from the airport and situated between the Caribbean Sea and Spanish Water Bar.

The resort's sprawling property features an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Pete Dye, as well as a spa, tennis courts, bike rental, 120-slip marina, four restaurants, three pools and inviting beach.

Pastel coloured colonial houses are a wonder to behold in Curacao. ANDREW DOBSON/METRO

In 2013, Scuba Diving Magazine ranked Curacao as One of the World's Best Dive Destinations. Those looking for adventure in a lively underwater world can do so with Ocean Encounters, which has a little office set up at the end of Santa Barbara's beach. Morning departures include two dives at Director's Bay and Newport — a perfect opportunity to swim with giant sea turtles while schools of several hundred bright yellow fish descend along a colourful coral wall.

Ocean Encounters offers underwater adventures. ANDREW DOBSON/METRO

Those looking to hop off the beach and indulge in an afternoon of rest and relaxation are offered a perfect sanctuary at Atabei Spa.

The inspiration for the Santa Barbara's luxury spa stems from the ancient culture and rituals of the Arawak people, the original inhabitants of the island. Spa guests enjoy a co-ed relaxation lounge featuring complimentary refreshments and spa food before being escorted to their very own private suite which includes a personal vanity, rain shower and outdoor relaxation patio.

Enjoy Atabei's signature treatment, the Stemps Massage, which incorporates classic hands-on technique with sachets of locally grown herbs dipped in warm organic oil.

Picturesque Willemstad is the capital of Curacao and its historic centre can be found on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Willemstad is divided into two neighbourhoods, Otrobanda and Punda, located on either side of the city's canal.

You can easily explore the area on foot. Highlights include a stroll across the Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge, pastel-coloured colonial merchant houses lining Handelskade, shopping at the Floating Market where farmers from South America and the West Indies sell fresh produce and seafood and eating at one of the al fresco restaurants at the old Waterfort Arches.

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You don't have to be an English major to be moved by a visit to Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. The bard's hometown is a vibrant overnight side trip you can easily make, about a two-hour train ride northwest of London. And like a lot of famous out-of-the-way destinations, there is a tawdry, touristy side thriving happily alongside the peaceful, countrified atmosphere of this city of 25,000 — riverboats, statues, swans and all. A visit to Shakespeare's birthplace is a must, where you can catch one of his plays being performed right on the premises. Go to VisitBritain.com. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Won't you let Rover come over?

Pet-friendly places. Tired of begging hotels to house your furry friend? Check out these places that love four legs

ON THE MOVE
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If you would prefer to bring your four-legged family member along on your next holiday, consider one of these pet-friendly destinations across the country.

White Point Beach Resort in Liverpool, N.S. has been welcoming pets — including dogs, cats and ferrets — for 86 years. With 800 acres of property that sweeps along a one-kilometre stretch of white sand beach this is an animal paradise. There are tether stations with water bowls throughout the property, poop bag and disposal stations and a full line of pet products in the gift shop. For those who want to be productive on vacation, the resort provides training classes on several weekends throughout the summer. You will need to keep your pet on leash while out and about.

Located in Quebec's Laurentian Mountains, minutes from Tremblant, the Domaine claims to be the country's first bed and breakfast for dogs. There are groomed hiking trails for walks, a beautiful lake and services that include a doggie spa and grooming salon, a special pet menu and a Tail Waggin' Day Camp if you need some time away from the children. Guests stay in fully equipped log cabin cottages. Owner Birgit Schultz has two cats and eight Bernese Mountain dogs ready to welcome you.

Taking place in Toronto on May 24 and May 25 at Woodbine Beach, Woofstock is the largest outdoor festival for dogs in North America. This free event launched in 2003 now regularly draws 300,000 dog lovers and their four-footed friends. You will find vendors displaying canine fashions, food and furnishings. For a good laugh, check out the stupid trick contest. Finding a hotel that will accept your whole family shouldn't be a problem; according to PetHotels.com, Toronto leads the country in pet-friendly properties with 84 hotels prepared to lay out the welcome mat for Fido.

Alberta's Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge provides furry guests with dishes, a dog bed, detailed trail maps, poop bags and home-baked pet treats. If you are game for a last-minute getaway, the hotel is celebrating the upcoming May Long Weekend with a three-day dog-stravaganza. Your pooch will enjoy time at the Doggy Spa, costume parties, guided hikes and jogs, and organic dog treat cooking demos. Meals are included in the package and will take place outdoors, with specialty barbecues at the Outdoor Activity Centre and on the shores of tranquil Trefoil Lake. With nearly 700 acres of terrain the resort offers both on- and off-leash options for the weekend.

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3. Pack almost-empty toiletry items for lightness.

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5. Pack a second credit card, in case you lose your wallet.

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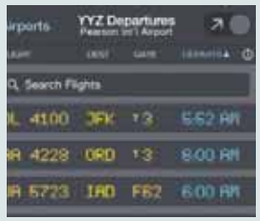

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The FlightBoard app puts airport arrivals and departures screens right in the palm of your hand. Perfect for frequent fliers, and for those skipping the check-in desk completely, it gives you real-time flight status and gate information for more than 1,400 airlines at 3,000 airports, that you can also then share with all involved. It's designed to mimic the rather retro board at Charles de Gaulle airport. $3.99 at iTunes and Google Play.

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Deal

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Not a run-of-the-mill ferris wheel

Move over London Eye. The 550-foot-tall High Roller at Las Vegas outdoor shopping mecca The LINQ is now officially the World's Tallest Observation Wheel. Representatives from the Guinness Book of World Records dropped by recently to give all the Caesars Entertainment folks a pat on the back. Just parallel to Las Vegas Boulevard, the 28 enclosed Italian-glass pods each hold up to 40 people and weigh 44,000 pounds. The 30-minute, once-around ride is $25 during the day, $35 at night. Get tickets at thelinq.com.

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Picasso problems. Parisians embroiled in controversy over museum, studio

Paris proudly hosted Picasso for decades, but two controversies around the artist's legacy are now haunting French officials.

One centres on the Paris Picasso Museum, where renovations have dragged for five years amid accusations of mismanagement, labour problems and clashes between the artist's family and the French government. The re-opening has been pushed back until September — after the summer tourist season.

The other controversy surrounds the fate of a Left Bank studio where Picasso lived and worked for 19 years, and painted his famed anti-war opus Guernica in 1937. A historic preservation panel is meeting Tuesday to decide what's next.

As with many of the Cubist great's works, little is as it first appears. A legal group has owned the 17th-century manor containing the studio since before Picasso worked there, and now wants to renovate it — perhaps as a luxury hotel.

Anne Baldassari, chief curator of Paris' Musée National Picasso, was dismissed on Tuesday after a lagging renovation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some high-profile art lovers are up in arms and say the studio deserves state protection from redevelopment. The case has raised questions about whether the birthplaces of great art — not just the works — deserve state protection from redevelopment as part of national heritage.

The culture ministry last year ordered a one-year pause to any development while officials consider the implications. That expires in July.

A group of artists and actors including Britain's Charlotte Rampling have signed on to a petition decrying any possible redevelopment.

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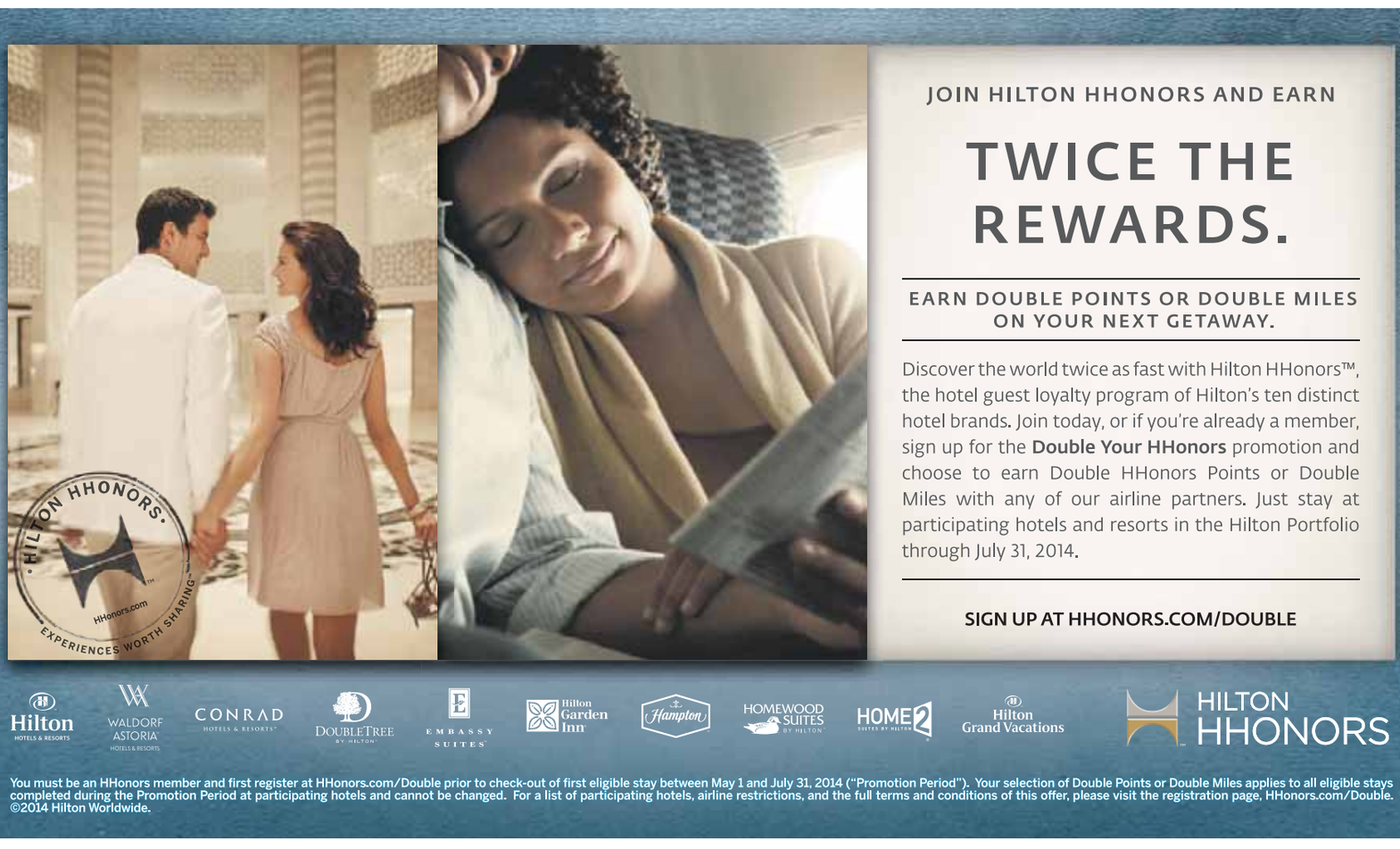
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Discovering the best course of action

Stay on track, online. It's easy to log out of a professional development course when your only kick in the butt comes from a computer. Here's how to stay with the program

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If you're a sociable person who prefers group work and discussions, you might fare better in a traditional classroom setting rather than an online course. ISTOCK

In April 2014 a Totaljobs.com survey of over 8,000 job seekers found that seven out of 10 respondents feel today's employers expect them to be more qualified than ever before.

To meet those expectations, 80 per cent of the survey participants said they would be up for taking a training course if it led to more job offers.

In spite of the obvious convenience factor and other possible cost savings, only half (49 per cent) of those job seekers confirmed they would prefer to complete that professional development training online, rather than on campus or in a traditional classroom setting.

Apparently online learning isn't for everyone. And there's plenty of research to support that claim.

A case in point: a 2013 study by the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education followed the activity of about one million online adult learners to track their progress in a series of free post-secondary web courses.

The result? Researchers found that course completion rates were an abysmal four per cent. Would the attrition rates for free or paid professional development or certification courses be any better?

Considering these studies and statistics, if three quarters of job seekers believe they need extra professional development to secure a good employment position, and fully half of them would be willing to study online, it's critically important to confirm that candidates are well-suited to succeed in an online training classroom. Because job seekers, of all people, don't have time or money to waste.

So what keeps adult learners from sticking with and succeeding in online courses and job training?

Barrier: Motivation

It can be surprisingly difficult to stay on-task, enthusiastic, and interested when studying online and independently. To this end, unless the content is genuinely of interest and presented in a dynamic and easy-to-understand format, you may find your attention waning, while deadlines get missed.

Solution: Take the course with a study-buddy, or form an independent study group to help keep each other on track for timely progress and course completion.

Barrier: Isolation

Everyone has a preferred learning style.

If you're a sociable person who prefers group work and class discussions, an on-demand, asynchronous (at your own pace, no required meetings), e-correspondence style course isn't likely to be a good fit.

However, today it's easy to find "online learning social communities which cater to all learning styles, all skill sets and personalities, native abilities and educational needs," observes career expert Meghan M. Biro in Forbes. You just need to find your niche.

Solution: Do some Googling to discover training that is social-by-design, that includes opportunities for online discussion, live webinars, delivers frequent instructor or peer feedback, or uses social media to create cohesion and community between participants.

Barrier: Digital learning curves

No matter how tech savvy you are, technical glitches happen. Mastering new apps and software is time-consuming. Unless you anticipate them, digital skills gaps, learning curves, and gadget failures can be so deeply frustrating they cause you to toss in the e-training towel and log off for good.

Perhaps you signed up for a course that was too advanced for where you're at. Maybe you don't have access to the right computer gear. But it's also frequently the case that bad instructional design is the culprit.

Poorly put-together courses can spell defeat for even the most seasoned e-learners.

Solution: Check for user reviews and ratings. Look for courses from trusted, legacy brands and with high approval ratings from past participants. And verify that you have the required tech tools before week 1.

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Barrier: Time

Time and project management is a challenge for most of us.

- When life gets hectic, without a face-to-face instructor cracking the proverbial whip, it's ridiculously easy for online course commitments to drift to the bottom of your to-do list.
- Solution: Verify expectations for time-on-task before signing up for an online course, and immediately transfer all deadlines to your regular weekly schedule. Block off periods for online study time and treat that time as an inflexible appointment you cannot miss.

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Honing in on a career in hashtags

Land a job in social media. How to stand out in a massive pool of pictures, posts and pins

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It's probably one of the most sought-after jobs for Gen Y. I mean, who wouldn't dream about getting paid to be on social media?

But believe it or not, working in social media isn't as easy as you may think. Just because you're really clever on Twitter, share great selfies on Instagram, or have 1,000 friends on Facebook, doesn't mean you are going to land a job in social media.

So how can you get into this industry, what is required of you — and what should you be doing to stand out?

Employers want to see that you have a strong reputation, you're actively posting and you show an overall interest in this industry. ISTOCK

Understanding social media

It's one thing to be on every latest and greatest social media platform, but you have to make sure you are using these platforms in the right way and have an in-depth understanding of how to use these platforms for business.

Everyone can have Facebook, Instagram, Vine, etc. and have a good understanding of using it, but personal use and business use are entirely different.

Lucky for you, there are a lot of resources available online.

Read blogs, attend free webinars, follow brands and people that are doing an excellent job in the social media realm.

Realize that social media is always changing, so it's going to require you to stay on top of it. Do your research and always be on the lookout for ways to improve your skill set.

Your social media presence

If you want to work in social media, you should probably make sure you have a pretty rockin' social media presence yourself.

I have a professional Twitter account that I use to share industry-related content, join in on conversations with other professionals and stay up to date with agencies and industry professionals.

I also have a personal account to post those useless tweets about what I'm eating for dinner.

Work on building your social media presence and make sure you are easy to find. Employers will look this up, especially if you're applying for a job in social media.

Working in social media isn't just about loving the latest and greatest platforms. You have to be able to support your love for social media with knowledge and experience.

Lucky for you, social media is easily accessible to anyone so you can start learning with just a click of your mouse.

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What sort of skills will I need?

Depending on the job in question, you may need industry-specific knowledge or experience to be a strong candidate. In general, social media jobs require a combination of the following:

- Preferably an education in journalism, marketing, advertising, communications or a similar related field.
- A strong understanding of all social platforms (even if you're not on them).
- Familiarity with analytics: what software to use, how to interpret data, how to use this data to improve business or achieve a specific goal.
- Excellent writing ability, including samples that demonstrate your ability to write for any type of brand or voice.

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Pass that two-timing turkey

Grilling Week. Ahead of May Long Weekend, Metro has offered you a lean burger idea and a unique way to serve lamb. These turkey satays, meanwhile, serve two purposes

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Getting together with friends for the long weekend may mean packing up and heading away or meeting at a friend's backyard.

It's always a great idea to offer to bring something that can be made ahead with little fuss to prepare and then have it ready to serve up or grill when you get there.

Looking for a recipe that serves two purposes? This Grilled Turkey Satays with Peanut Sauce dish can be prepared for dinner or as an appetizer! Served over basmati rice, it makes a great meal or it works just on its own with drinks to get the party started.

Look for boneless skinless turkey breasts in your local grocer. And not to worry if you don't find any. Simply pick up a turkey breast and remove the skin and bone to slice up into thin strips for the satays.

If you are going to serve them up as a dinner dish, there's no need to skewer. Just you cut the breast into larger pieces and grill to enjoy.

This recipe yields about 15-20 skewers with 1 cup (250 ml) of peanut sauce. CONTRIBUTED

Ingredients

Peanut Sauce
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) peanut butter
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) warm water
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) hoisin sauce
- 1 tsp (5 ml) grated fresh ginger or 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) seasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) sodium reduced soy sauce
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sesame oil
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) Asian garlic chili paste/sauce

Turkey Satays
- 1 large boneless skinless turkey breast (about 1 1/2 lb/750 g)
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) sodium reduced soy sauce
- 2 tsp (10 ml) sesame oil
- 2 tsp (10 ml) grated fresh ginger or 1 tsp/5 ml ground
- 1 large clove garlic, grated

1. Peanut Sauce: In a bowl, whisk together peanut butter, water and hoisin sauce until smooth. Add ginger, vinegar, soy sauce, sesame oil and chili paste and whisk until combined. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

2. Using a chef's knife, the cut turkey crosswise into thin slices (about 1/4-inch thick) and place into a large bowl. Add the soy sauce, sesame oil, ginger and garlic; stir to coat well. Let stand for 15 minutes or cover and refrigerate for up to 8 hours.

3. Using small soaked skewers thread turkey onto skewers and place on platter. Place skewers on greased grill over medium high heat and grill, turning once for about 6 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

4. Serve with peanut sauce.

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Cooking tips

- Use a microplane or fine grater to grate ginger and garlic for a fine puree that's absorbed into the turkey when marinating.
- Soak wooden skewers in water for at least 30 minutes before using to reduce flare-ups on the grill.
- Marinate turkey strips in resealable plastic bag and freeze for up to 2 weeks. Perfect to take to the cottage. Let it thaw in the cooler so it's ready when you get there!

Don't be a jerk — eat it instead

1. In a blender, combine 4 tbsp of oil, scallions, chilies, soy sauce, lime juice, allspice, mustard, bay leaves, garlic, salt, sugar and thyme. Blend until mix forms fine paste. Transfer mix to re-sealable plastic bag. Add chicken and turn to coat well on all sides. Refrigerate at least 24 hours and up to 2 days.

2. When ready to cook, heat the grill to medium.

3. Salsa: In bowl, combine watermelon, cucumber, shallot, mint, lime juice and sugar. Season with salt, then set aside.

4. Remove chicken from marinade, discarding marinade. Using oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs, oil grill grates. Add chicken, skin side down, and grill 15 minutes. Turn pieces, then grill another 15 minutes, or just cooked through. Transfer to plate, cover with foil and let rest 5 minutes. Serve each portion topped with some salsa.

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Ingredients

Marinade
- 4 tbsp vegetable oil
- 8 scallions, coarsely chopped
- 1 to 2 (to taste) Scotch bonnet chilies, coarsely chopped
- 3 tbsp soy sauce
- 3 tbsp lime juice
- 1 1/2 tbsp ground allspice
- 1 1/2 tbsp English-style mustard
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 large cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 2 tsp sugar
- 2 tsp dried thyme
- 4 chicken breast halves (4 lbs total) on the bone with the skin, each chicken breast half cut in half

Salsa
- 2 cups diced seedless watermelon
- 1 cup diced seedless cucumber
- 2 tbsp finely chopped shallot
- 1/4 cup finely shredded fresh mint
- 3 tbsp lime juice
- 2 tsp packed brown sugar
- Salt

This Grilled Jerk Breast with Watermelon Salsa recipe makes eight servings. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Sam embraces St. Louis limelight

Michael Sam sure seems ready for all the attention.

The first openly gay player drafted by an NFL team was confident and engaged Tuesday as he was formally introduced by the St. Louis Rams, handling questions and scrutiny with aplomb well beyond that of a typical seventh-round fringe prospect.

"I'm determined to be great," Sam said.

Sam put his arm around coach Jeff Fisher after sharing the podium with other late-round picks.

Sam disagreed that his sexuality had been a secret at Missouri (he had come out to his teammates before last season). And he considers himself proof that it need not be a factor.

"It's OK to be who you are," Sam said. "It's OK to be comfortable in your own skin."

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Sam reaction

Stampeders' Price fined for anti-gay comments

The CFL fined Calgary Stampeders receiver Maurice Price on Tuesday for making "inappropriate negative comments" on social media towards St. Louis Rams defensive end Michael Sam and openly gay professional athletes.

"The CFL will not tolerate discrimination of any kind," CFL commissioner Mark Cohon said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gott-cha! Redblacks trade pick after all

CFL draft. GM Desjardins deals for offensive lineman; Lavertu lands in Calgary

The Calgary Stampeders selected Laval centre Pierre Lavertu with the first pick overall in the CFL draft on Tuesday night in Toronto.

Calgary acquired the No. 1 pick 30 minutes before the start of the draft, sending offensive lineman Jon Gott, a five-year CFL veteran, to the expansion Ottawa Redblacks.

The Stampeders, who also have the No. 7 selection, acquired the rights to veteran centre Marwan Hage, who played 10 seasons with Hamilton before being taken by Ottawa in the CFL expansion draft in December. Hage announced his retirement last month.

Ottawa will also receive a conditional pick if Calgary trades Hage's rights to another CFL team.

The Redblacks weren't done there, sending veteran quarterback Kevin Glenn to the B.C. Lions for the fifth overall pick. Ottawa then swapped picks with Montreal and selected defensive back Antoine Pruneau at No. 4.

The selection of the six-foot-three, 300-pound Lavertu was surprising given Brett Jones was the CFL's top rookie last year as a first-year centre with Calgary.

The Ottawa Redblacks acquired offensive lineman Jon Gott in exchange for the first overall pick in a draft day trade with the Calgary Stampeders. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

But the general sentiment is although Lavertu, of Quebec City, might not possess the most potential, he's among the most pro-ready prospects in the draft.

The scouting report on Lavertu is he's got a good frame and is strong enough to excel at the interior position while also being capable of making all the protection calls at the line of scrimmage.

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The Stampeders selected big Laval centre Pierre Lavertu with the No. 1 CFL draft pick. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Brazil scrambling with one month to go

Work continues at the Arena da Baixada last week in Curitiba, Brazil. DENIS FERREIRA NETTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scan the image above with your Metro News app to view a photo gallery of Brazil's preparations for the 2014 World Cup.

It's all coming down to the final 30 days.

Brazil had seven years to get ready for the World Cup, but it enters the final month of preparations with a lot yet to be done.

Three stadiums are still under construction, some of the temporary structures needed for matches are delayed and it remains unclear if all cities will have time to organize the mandatory fanfests.

It's already known that not all infrastructure will be completed no matter how much organizers rush before the June 12 opener. The government acknowledges that communications inside stadiums won't be perfect, unfinished airports remain a concern and there are widespread threats of violent protests by Brazilians complaining about the billions spent on the tournament.

Brazilian officials guarantee everything will be fine. FIFA remains concerned.

The long-term take

$180B

Brazil is expected to spend $11.7 billion on the World Cup, although the government says the country could receive an economic boost of as much as $180 billion long term.

"Everything will be in place for the World Cup in Brazil to be a success," Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff said Tuesday. "The stadiums will be ready, the airports will be ready, we are guaranteeing public safety."

Jerome Valcke, secretary general for soccer's governing body, says there's no time to waste.

"I would not say it's not ready, but it's not finished," he said recently.

FIFA is worried mostly about the stadiums where the matches will be played. It wanted all venues completed by the end of last year, but Brazil was not able to get half of them ready in time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2014 Toyota Camry

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel drive midsize sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 2.5-litre inline four-cylinder (178), 3.5-litre V6 (268)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $25,370 (l4), $31,430 (V6)

Market position

The midsize sedan segment is packed with worthy competitors, but most are going exclusively to four-cylinder engines, some of them turbocharged. The Camry is one of only a few with an available V6 engine.

Points

- V6 engines are often reserved for the top-line trim models in midsize cars, so it's nice to see it available in a lower level.
- The extensive makeover it'll get for 2015 is unusual this early in the model's life cycle, but Toyota wants to keep it fresh in this tough segment.
- The SE trim comes with paddle shifters, skirt package, and unique grille.

The Toyota Camry even offers a V6 engine.

Safety

Front, side, and curtain airbags; driver and passenger knee airbags; electronic brake force distribution and assist; Smart Stop Technology.

Camry covers all the bases

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Review. The Toyota Camry proves its popularity with a multifaceted appeal

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The Toyota Camry is North America's top-selling passenger car by volume, and it's not hard to see why. It hits a combination of roominess, performance, and price that buyers look for in the midsize sedan segment.

The Camry comes with a 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine, making 178 horsepower, starting at $23,750 (MSRP) and moving through three trim lines to a high of $30,560. I drove the optional 3.5-litre V6 engine, which makes 268 horsepower. It comes in two trim levels: my SE V6 tester, starting at $29,810, and the XLE V6 at $33,625.

Although slightly less fuel-efficient than some of its V6-equipped competitors, the Camry delivers linear acceleration, plenty of passing power at highway speeds, and smooth shifts from its six-speed automatic transmission.

The steering is light and the car is easy to manoeuvre; overall, it's a pleasant car to drive. It's also quiet, with a smooth ride that handles bumps quite well.

The exterior styling is a bit dull, but the interior is handsome, with controls that are easy to reach and use. There's lots of small-item space, including a covered cubby in the centre stack that hides the USB port and charging outlet, so you can plug in your devices and keep them away from prying eyes.

The Toyota Camry includes lots of interior goodies like a backup camera, Bluetooth wireless streaming and heated mirrors.

Every trim line includes a backup camera, Bluetooth wireless streaming, cruise control and heated mirrors, and everything except the base four-cylinder LE model comes with a navigation system, satellite radio, garage door opener, power driver's seat, and fog lamps. My tester included a premium package that adds leather heated seats and suede-like upholstery, and a blind spot monitoring system that warns if another vehicle is alongside when you're changing lanes.

The seats are comfortable and supportive, and there's good legroom in the back. The rear chairs fold down to open a pass-through from the trunk, but they don't fall completely flat.

Stayed tuned for 2015: The Camry will keep its engines and basic platform, but will sport completely new styling that will be bolder than what you've seen before.

Compare

1 Honda Accord V6
Base price: $34,829
More power and sportier handling, but higher starting price.

2 Nissan Altima V6
Base price: $32,998
Smooth styling and numerous features make this a formidable contender.

3 Chrysler 200 V6
Base price: $26,995
All-new 2015 model scores big with quiet ride and lovely interior.

DRIVE

Last-gen Outlander a confident bet

Second gear.
2007 to 2013
Mitsubishi Outlander

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The second-generation Mitsubishi Outlander was recently replaced by a new model for 2014, effectively moving the model fully into used crossover territory. Outlander was Mitsubishi's shot at the Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4, Ford Escape, Subaru Forester, and a plethora of other crossover models.

Key draws? The Outlander has an extensive powertrain warranty with 160,000 kilometres of coverage and roadside assistance, top-rated crash-test performance, and decent overall bang-for-the-buck.

The test drive

Confirm all power windows are working properly, and can go up and down fully a few times in near silence without any grinding, clicking or binding noticed. Some owners of earlier models complain of power windows that stick, bind or even fall out of their tracks.

Check for proper air conditioner operation, noting that some owners have complained of premature failure of one or more air conditioner components that left the system inoperative.

If the model you're checking out has the automatic transmission/V6 combination, note that difficulty or an inability to shift out of park is typically caused by a faulty brake-pedal switch or solenoid in the gear shifter itself. These parts were updated in later Outlander models to address the issue, and aren't terribly problematic to fix if they are acting up.

For maximum peace of mind, have a dealer mechanic check for drive axle wear, worn out wheel-bearings and engine oil leaks.

What owners like

Outlander's pricing, feature-content bang-for-the-buck, extensive warranty coverage and safety scores attracted shoppers to showrooms initially, with adequate power output, smooth performance, that two-piece tailgate and decent rear-seat legroom sealing the deal.

What owners dislike

Common complaints include a cheap, plasticky interior, easily scratched surfaces and an audio display screen that's hard to read if the sun is shining on it.

Engines

Engine options were a 2.4-litre 168-horsepower four-cylinder or a 3-litre V6 with 220 to 230 horsepower depending on the year. Front- or four-wheel drive models were available.

The verdict

With Outlander's extensive warranty coverage and fairly short list of common problems, a used model with a thumbs-up from a mechanic prove a reliable crossover for years to come.

Lasers! Audi's new way to light up

Audi R8 LMX. Sports car slated to launch this summer will be world's first production vehicle equipped with laser lighting technology

The Audi R8 LMX will be the world's first production vehicle equipped with laser lighting technology. The 570hp sports car is slated to launch this summer.

Laser lighting has several advantages over traditional LED headlights, the first of which is better range in the high-beam mode. The R8 LMX, which has LED headlights for normal daytime use, has laser headlights that are activated at speeds of over 60 kilometres per hour to enhance visibility and safety. Sensors and cameras allow the car to detect the presence of an oncoming vehicle and adjust the position of the headlights to avoid blinding other drivers.

A combination of LED and laser headlights is also featured on the Audi R18 e-tron, which will become the first car with the technology to compete in the Le Mans 24 Hours Race (June 14-15).

Under its aluminum body, the Audi R8 LMX packs a 5.2-litre V10 engine with up to 570hp. The sports car boasts 0 to 100 kilometres per hour acceleration in just 3.4 seconds and can reach a top speed of around 320 kilometres per hour. The vehicle's fuel consumption averages 12.9 litres per 100 kilometres, or 299 grams per kilometre of CO2 emissions.

Produced in a limited edition and exclusively in blue, the Audi R8 LMX is expected to go on sale this summer. Prices have not yet been announced, although they will likely exceed $275,000.

Last January at CES 2014, the German manufacturer unveiled The Audi Sport Quattro Laserlight concept — a plug-in hybrid coupe. The model served as a showcase of the brand's latest developments in terms of hybrid engineering, driver controls, information display and lighting. AFP

The Audi R8 LMX will feature laser lighting. CONTRIBUTED

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- ACTIVE GRILLE SHUTTERS
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- INTEGRATED BLIND SPOT MIRRORS
- TORQUE VECTORING CONTROL

2014 ESCAPE S

Escape Titanium model shown

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UNEXPECTED FEATURES

- INTEGRATED BLIND SPOT MIRRORS
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- ACTIVE GRILLE SHUTTERS
- CURVE CONTROL
- TORQUE VECTORING CONTROL

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Move over, Jon Hamm. These cars are television stars

Driving Don Draper. The most handsome man on television has shared the screen with some real lookers — and we're not talking about the girls

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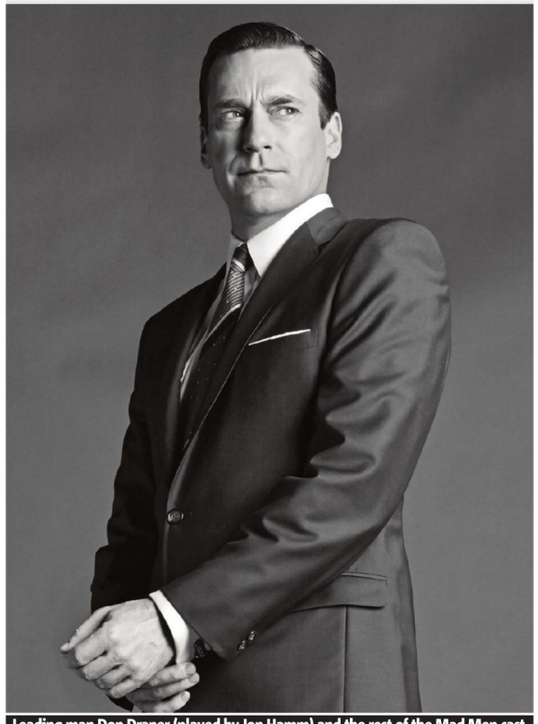
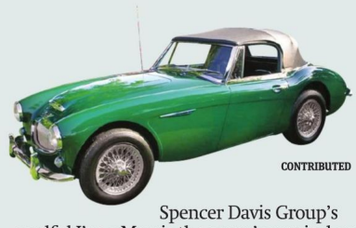
When we first hitched a ride on the seductive, Emmy-guzzling turbo charger that is Mad Men, Don Draper was shuttling his kids around in a 1959 Oldsmobile Dynamic 88. Right then and there we knew we were in store for a tour d'elegance. Mad Men's detail-obsessed creators take fastidious pains to nail every aspect of the time period; from fashion minutia and decor choices to the agency's whip-smart product messaging. And the cars are no exception. Not just shiny props, they often serve more as dramatic vehicles to keep the plot moving on eight cylinders.



Leading man Don Draper (played by Jon Hamm) and the rest of the Mad Men cast have driven some of the '60s most memorable cars. CONTRIBUTED

1969 Austin-Healey Convertible Episode: Time Zones

Basked in sunlight and California vibes, Megan's green Austin-Healey greets Don at LAX in the most memorable scene of the season seven premiere. The snazzy convertible's low-slung profile accentuates her legs, on full display in a high-hemmed pale blue shift dress. After sharing a welcome smooch, the ad man props opens the passenger door for Megan, signalling that he can drive. She rebuffs his chivalry with a brusque excuse about not wanting to move the seat and takes the wheel.



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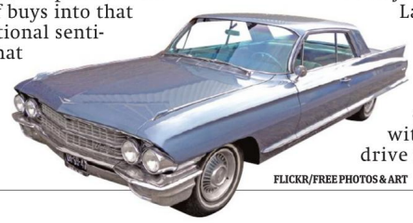
Spencer Davis Group's soulful I'm a Man is the scene's musical accompaniment and drives home the point that Don's days in the driver seat of life may now be in the rear vie

1962 Cadillac Coupe de Ville Episode: The Gold Violin

"People buy things to realize their aspirations," Bertram Cooper observes after purchasing a Mark Rothko painting. In the same episode, Don himself buys into that foundational sentiment that makes the advertising world hum.



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In a Cadillac showroom, Don initially shies away when he's told that the car he's eying is for people who have "arrived." The line triggers Don's insecurities and he has a flashback to his days as a used car salesman.

Later, to celebrate an invite to sit on the board of the Museum of Early American Folk Art, a validation of his rising stature as a hotshot creative director, Don takes the plunge without even bothering to test drive it.

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Bye-bye, miles per gallon. Gas-based measures are losing relevance in a world of alternative fuels, and may not be accurate

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Miles per gallon (MPG), and its eccentric metric cousin, "litres per 100 km," were designed primarily to measure gasoline consumption.

But now that we're using other sources of energy, like diesel, ethanol blends, natural gas, and electricity, these gasoline-derived terms have lost some of their relevancy, and will continue to do so.

They will continue to hang around, however, because like this crazy, creeping vine we have in the backyard, they have a substantial root structure. As such, they have become the reference point.

Take for example, what the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) came up with, to help customers understand electric car "fuel efficiency" — something called miles per gallon equivalent, or MPGe for short.

The EPA's formula for establishing this says 33.7 kilowatt-hours of electricity are equivalent to one (US) gallon of gasoline. The formula can be transferred to metric, to get Le/100 km. The Canadian Nissan Leaf, for example, is rated at 1.9/2.3 Le/100 km (city/highway).

Does that work for you? It doesn't work for me.

It certainly feels like it's stretching the descriptive powers of MPG and L/100 km.

It's like putting a small T-shirt on a standard schnauzer: It does the job, yes, but it's tight and the schnauzer is not happy.

MPG and L/100 km are even having a hard time with the gasoline thing. Many consumers these days complain that their real-world fuel efficiencies rarely match those advertised by the automakers.

Natural Resources Canada is addressing some of this. The ministry demands that manufacturers adhere to new and expanded fuel-testing protocols starting with 2015 model-year vehicles. Unlike previously, the vehicles will also go through cold cycles, air-conditioning cycles, high-speed cycles, and quick acceleration cycles.

But confusing things on the mileage front is all the ethanol the petroleum companies are putting in our gasoline. Each province determines if it wants renewable content in its transportation fuel and at what percentage, but the fuel companies are federally regulated to have at least five per cent average national ethanol content in their fuels.

They're apt to put more in, because ethanol is cheaper than gasoline.

Ethanol may be cleaner, but it has less energy per volume, so fuel economy suffers. The signs at the pumps in Ontario usually say something like, "May contain up to 10 per cent ethanol." Translation: Consumers have no way of knowing how much ethanol is in their tanks. (FYI, diesel contains more energy per volume than gasoline.)

Maybe one day we'll have an energy detector on our "transportation device" to determine exactly how much energy we have on board, regardless of its type, form, or volume, and that energy could be expressed in a new universal energy measurement which would make sense to everyone on the planet, regardless of faculty in science matters.

Until then, I guess we need to embrace the mystery, and continue to realize that our driving habits and lifestyles are still some of the biggest determinants of transportation fuel use.

On that note, I am very proud of how much fuel I saved of late by adopting a more conservative acceleration approach — I think it translates to about 18 furlongs to the quart, give or take.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Today's full moon warns that, where money is concerned, nothing is what it seems. For that reason, it would be wise to think twice before signing up to anything you don't have complete personal control over.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You will have to face someone who opposes you. If you value your independence, tackle them head on and leave them in no doubt that you will fight for your right to do your thing.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
It might be wise to slow down, especially if you have been pushing your mind and your body to extremes. Cosmic activity in the wellbeing area of your chart warns if you push harder, you could face collapse.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You want to build something of lasting value but it is beginning to dawn on you that you won't be able to do it on your own. So, work with people who share your dream.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The Sun in the career area of your chart is on your side but other forces are at work trying to deny you the chance to move up in the world. Don't give in to negative people or negative thoughts.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't let anyone convince you that your ideas are of no value. Today's full moon will muddy waters and make you wonder what fact and fiction but you can trust your inner voice.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you let your emotions influence what should be a purely logical decision today, you could end up out of pocket. Where money is concerned you must not take risks, not even if the potential rewards are great.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's full moon in your sign will give you the energy you need to go your own way and, most importantly, stand up for your right to be different. If it means you fall out with certain people, well, that's too bad.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are who you are for a reason, so don't let anyone get away with telling you that you should think or act in ways that don't feel right to you.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will be forthright in your views today and not everyone will like it. Too bad. Most of the time you keep your opinions to yourself but now and again you go right the other way and shout them from the rooftops.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It will be easy to get annoyed with certain people today but if you are wise you will call upon your reserves of self-control. If you do fall out with someone, forgive and forget quickly.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Some things in life are important and some things are not. Do you know how to tell the difference? Today's full moon will encourage people to get agitated about issues that are not worth the effort. Don't be one of them. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers

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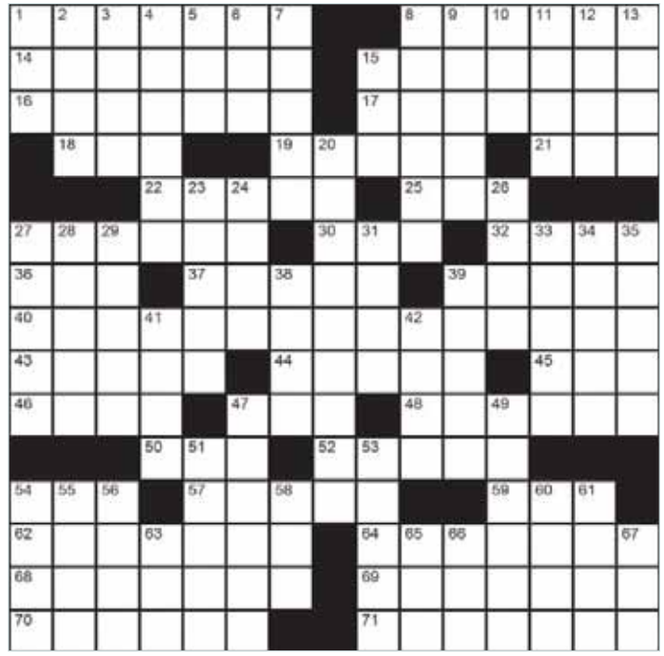
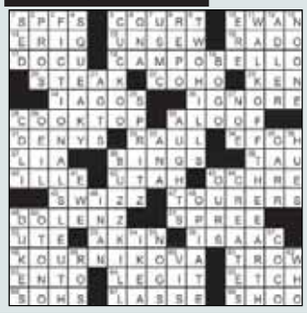


Across
1. Scottish estate in Hamilton
8. France's famed film festival
14. Canadian rock guitar great, Domenic __
15. Where many cowboy movies occur: 2 wds.
16. Michael __, Vancouver-born actor
17. Toronto Raptors, e.g.: 2 wds.
18. Find out
19. The __ __ the Hat
21. Morse Code tap
22. Mil. mission sort
25. Canadian hockey great Mr. Apps
27. English band, __ Chiefs
30. Valley, in Wales
32. "__ __ put our heads together..." (Let's think!)
36. Amer. currency
37. Edith Piaf's "__ __ en Rose"
39. "It's the end of __.": 2 wds.
40. Saskatchewan's provincial animal, __-__ __
43. Fit
44. Northwest Territories: Mackenzie __
45. Old Rome's 650
46. Skater Michelle
47. Dudes
48. "I Will Take Care of You" Canadian songstress: 2 wds.
50. Calendar component
52. __, Oklahoma
54. _ _ _ piping
57. Crunchy
59. Permit
62. Hamlet character
64. Modernly messaged
68. Romance language
69. Celebrity chef Ms. Lawson
70. Cartography caption
71. Gowns

Down
1. Go from _ __ B
2. Vases
3. __ Saint-Luc, QC
4. Granola-eating backpackers
5. Author, Rita __ Brown
6. Santa __, California
7. Classic commercial gadgets brand
8. Early-1900s art movement
9. __ __ rate
10. Canada part, e.g.
11. Essential
12. Actor Mr. Morales
13. Income tax __.
15. Ottawa's prov.
20. Vancouver heavy metal band
23. Tried to catch a Moray, say
24. 'Demo' suffix
26. Adam __, Toronto Blue Jays player
27. Kris Jenner's series [acronym]
28. Put on _ __ (Perform)
29. "Let It Go" singer Ms. Menzel
31. Sound
33. Supplies sustenance
34. Jalopy
35. Too soon
38. __ mecum (Handbook)
39. Canuck songwriting team, __-Vallance
41. Be inclined
42. And others, commonly: 2 wds.
47. Abundant
49. Bill and Hillary when univ. students
51. Be a part of, as a movie: 2 wds.
53. Overturn
54. Mr. Esposito, Tony's brother
55. Choose a candidate
56. Jagged cliff
58. 'Opt' suffix
60. Building wings
61. Prefix with 'conference'
63. Beer
65. Deorbited space station
66. Bronze __
67. "__ Boot" (1981)

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	9	3	2	7	4	8	5	1
7	2	1	8	6	5	9	3	4
8	5	4	3	1	9	7	6	2
4	8	7	1	5	3	2	9	6
2	3	5	6	9	7	1	4	8
9	1	6	4	8	2	5	7	3
3	4	9	7	2	8	6	1	5
1	7	2	5	4	6	3	8	9
5	6	8	9	3	1	4	2	7

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	2	7		4	6	9		
	9		3		2		1	
5	7		8				6	
			5	1	3			
	3				7		4	2
	5		4		1		9	
		6	2	5		4	7	
		4				1		5

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± -30	± 19	± -17	± 20	± -17
∓ -11	∓ 32	∓ -1	∓ 42	∓ 40
7:03 am	7:06 am	7:09 am	7:12 am	7:15 am
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